

President Yasser Arafat an-bounced in Gaza that he was trapped mobile telephone. His nounced in Gaza that he was outlawing the military wings of Hamas and of the Islamic Jihad organisation.

The militant Hamas group said one of its "martyrs" blew himself up, on the same bus route, on the same street and at almost the same time as the previous Sunday's attack, which killed 25 people.

Yesterday's attack was one of equal horror. Bodies and body parts lay strewn among the burnt-out metal shell of the bus. Observant Jews began to pick up the pieces in an attempt to identify the dead. The body of the bomber, found among the wreckage was, according to one Palestinian security official, from Israeli-controlled Hebron. stroy the peace process. This

death was almost certainly the work of Israeli agents. The bombings are a severe blow to the Labour-led gov-ernment, which faces a genral election at the end of May. Last week's twin suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, which killed 26 people, had wiped out the comfortable lead Mr Peres en-

joyed in the polls over his hardline Likud opponents. mittal about its future. The tough new security measures include sealing and blowing up of homes of fam-ilies of suicide bombers, de-But yesterday, when he vis-ited the scene of the bombing, Mr Peres was angrily jeered. After previous attacks, Is-raeli leaders had always pro-claimed defiantly that they would not reward the miliploying hundreds of additional troops and police in Jerusalem and at bus stops around the country, and the blanket closure of the West tants by allowing them to de-

time Mr Peres wasnon-com-Mr Peres also announced members had been arrested do what has to be done, then suspension of the elections. gradual implementation of a after last week's bombing. policy of total separation of Asked if this might mean Is-Palestinian territory from Is-rael. Checkpoints would be raeli troops going back into Gaza and West Bank towns set up all along the border with the West Bank. under Palestinian control, Israel's chief military com-mander, Lieutenant General Mr Peres also made plain

that he expects Mr Arafat's Palestinian police to act even Amnon Shahak, said: "We would much prefer the Palesmore firmly against the milltinian police to do what is tants. More than 200 Hamas ary. But if they do not | a halt to the peace talks and a neces

Carnage ... Rescue workers examine the body of a victim of yesterday's suicide bus bomb in Jerusalem which killed 19

the boy who wouldn't look up

Mr Peres sidestepped ques tions on the peace process "We are honouring the agree eace, page 9 ment and we will continue to honour it provided the Pales-tinian Authority honours its

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The conservative leader had disclaimed a hard right agenda, promising Spaniards clean government and economic recovery. Job creation became a key issue. Spain, with more than one in five out of work, has the European turn to page 2, column 7

up signs from the windows, but Mr Aznar and most of his

senior aides remained inside

waiting for the pollsters' pre

dictions to be confirmed.

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2.2m HK Chinese to get no-visa access to Britain

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Rebecca Smithers in Hong Kong

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OHN Major will announce today visa-free travel to Britain for some 2.2 million Hong Kong Chinese in a wide-ranging speech designed to calm their growing fears about the future of the colony after its handover to China next year. Mr Major has been under

pressure to tackle the increas-ingly sensitive issue, which Governor Chris Patten described yesterday as "the single most important decision that the Government still has to make about Hong Kong". There has been widespread

speculation after Mr Major's meeting with the Chinese premier, Lee Peng, at the Europe Asia summit in Bangkok last week that concessions were imminent, but the announcement is being timed to make maximum impact ahead of Mr Major's departure from the colony today.

Mr Major will brief a closed session of the legisla-tive council, the LegCo, and then make what is expected to

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visa-free travel is considered critical in Hong Kong if it is to remain an economic success and retain its position as an international financial and trade centre.

Despite resistance from the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, the Government has changed its position to avoid the Chinese retaliating by restricting the access of Britbe his most important speech ish citizens to Hong Kong. on the colony's future when The concession will apply Around 130,000 people travel he attends a lunch for Hong to the 2.2 million Hong Kong from Hong Kong to Britain --

As Prime Minister John Major makes his final visit to Hong Kong before China's

Enter the Dragon

Chinese who would not have an automatic right of entry to Britain after the handover to China in July 1997. They are holders of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) passport. Last night Mr Patten ex-plained: "Were we not to con-cede visadree entry it would reality of the colony's economic success is far emoved from the free-

Bank and Gaza from Israel.

cede visa-free entry it would be a big thumbs-down as far as Hong Kong's future is concerned. When we are quite properly trying to underline the importance of our commercial relationship with Asia it would be decidedly cu-rious to take a decision which threatened to sand-bag the business flow between Brit-ain and Hong Kong." He stressed that if Britain were to block visa-free access

"there would be a huge temp tation [for China] to impose visas in the future on British visitors to Hong Kong which I think could have very very serious economic and commercial repercussions". Britain would lose out most

in tit for tat action. About 440.000 Britons travel to Hone Kong each year, with onefifth going on to China with

people. to SAR passport-holders.

> to the Far East today with a visit to Seoul, where he will hold talks with South Korean

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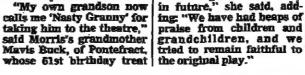
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of J.M. Barrie's original Peter Pan has reached out rom a theatre stage to exclusive reports. Will Hutton throttle recent, saccharine details in an economics page versions — unfortunately scaring a three-year-old witless in the process. special on page 11 how the The parents of terrified Morris Mitchener, who

tried to hide under a seat and his Dad's coat as the tale of child kidnap, plankwalking and the relentless croc unfolded, are taking legal action over his "stress

the Playhouse's lack of adand trauma". Born in an era of sani-tised Pete 'n' Wendy car-toon escapades, where mopvance warning that the play might not be suitable for under-sevens, a mespety kids outwit an sage on handbills they only avuncular Cap'n Hook plus grinning reptile, Morris was not prepared for the saw 10 minutes before the play. The theatre's house manager, Morag Darby. real, dark and gripping thing. Although armed with his plastic sword and said that the initial bro chure, which tempted the family to spend £85 on ticksenior cousin Chloe, who is six, he started sobbing "Get ets last summer, had not included the warning because me out, get me out!" within the production was then at an early stage.

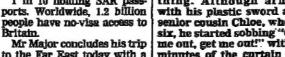
"It is something we will be looking at more closely in future," she said, add-"My own grandson now alls me 'Nasty Granny' for



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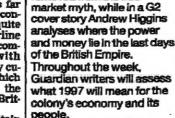
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taking him to the theatre," said Morris's grandmother Mavis Buck, of Pontefract,

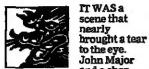


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Sketch

Generous Major lays it on thick

Rebecca Smithers from Hong Kong



and a chap from Doncaster symbolically inaugurating the southern runway at Hong Kong's £12 billion airport, just 18 months before the spanking new project is handed over to China in a final act of British

After all, by the time the airport (final name still to be decided) opens for business in 1998, the Brits will be out of town And if your believes the town. And if you believe the likes of Martin Lee, chairman of Hong Kong's Democratic Party, they will have turned their backs on their former colony to concentrate on building up trade with China. He claims this is the only thing on Mr Major's and Michael Heseltine's minds, and the reason why Hezza and 250 businessmen will be clock-ing up the air miles when they

Yesterday, on the island site at Chek Lap Kok, a red flag fluttered provocatively above Mr Major as with admirable dexterity he released the lever on the yellow 9.5 tonne roller and steered it over the virgin asphalt on the 3.800 metre

airstrip. Briefing Mr Major on the Finer no international and the second ter, meeting world leaders on a variety of runways, which are "a booming business" all of their own. He revealed he had met

Hong Kong's governor, Chris Patten --- who accompanied the prime minister's party yesterday — on a runway in Nairobi.

John and Peter looked an unlikely pair, perched high on the machine making history together. Like his predeces-sor, Margaret Thatcher, who visited the site last year, the besuited Mr Major had refused to don his plastic hard hat. After all, one aide claimed, it had been bad

enough for him having to slip into that dreadful Thai silk shirt and chinos at the Bangkok summit last week. The most important ques-

tion for the assembled Hong Kong Chinese hacks was Mr Major's driving. "He was good. He stopped it nice and slow."

unite around Mr Major looked lonely on the lunar landscape and be must have been thinking he had few friends in Hong Kong. After lots of cosy chats over fruity cocktails with his European chums at the Europe-Asia meeting, he had had to fly

on to the colony for a visit which has been used by the local press to flag up the thorn-ier issues still to be resolved by the British government. These are, notably, the question of visa-free access, and the future of the legislative council and Bill of Rights. It can't be much fun, for ex-

ample, knowing you've been dubbed "the loser of the week" in a long-running campaign waged by the South China Morning Post — the largest English language

newspaper in Hong Kong, which has allowed the most vociferous critic, Mr Lee, gen-erous access to its pages. Nei-ther can finding that a British Sunday newspaper is claim-ing you are wooing key Hong Kong figures such as Li Kash-ing who are donors to the Conservative Party. But the last word will come

But the last word will come from Mr Major in his parting shots today. After all, this is the last visit expected by a British prime minister while Hong Kong is still in our clutches.

clutches. But, back to the airport and just one more question for Mr Major, who earlier went to see the key link in its new trans-port network — Tsing Ma Bridge, which will be the world's longest suspension bridge. In Hong Kong, unlike Britain, it seems, good road and rail links are considered

an integral part of a project of this magnitude. And even with some teeth-ing problems over the financ-

ing, Hong Kong has been able to see through a huge infra-structure project — the lion's share of it funded by the Gov-ernment — in just six years from start to finish including reclamation of land. Surely there are some lessons there from which the British could learn?

Dole finds southern comfort in primary win

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Jonathan Freedland In Charleston, South Carolina

OB Dole launched into what aides billed as the "home stretch" of his bid for the Republican presidential nomination yesterday, win-ning a landslide victory in South Carolina in which he finally emerged as the one candidate able to unite the party's warring wings.

The senator at last made real his long-held frontrunner status, beating his nearest challenger, former TV com-mentator Pat Buchanan, by 16 per cent — a far wider margin than anyone had predicted. Mr Dole drew heavily on mod-erates and religious conservatives to score 45 per cent to Mr Buchanan's 29 per cent, so winning all 37 of the state's delegates. Publishing mag-nate Steve Forbes came third with 13 per cent, while former

Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander was a poor fourth with 10 per cent. Such a weak showing in his

Such a weak showing in his home region, following a string of abysmal perfor-mances in the last few con-tests, prompted senior Repub-licans, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich, to urge Mr Alexander to drop out of the race yesterday. De-spite the looming prospect of running out of money, the for-mer governor wowed to so on.

mer governor vowed to go on. For Mr Dole victory was all the sweeter, with South Caro-lina traditionally regarded as the Gateway to the South, setthe Gateway to the south, set-ting a lead for the rest of the region. Aides are hoping that momentum from Saturday's vote will bring success in tomorrow's primary in Geor-gia and next week's Super Tuesday contests in six other contacts in six other

southern states, including vote-rich Florida and Texas. The result marked an end to a losing streak in impor-tant states for Mr Dole, com-

ing after defeats in New Hampshire and Arizona. "This is a big one," Mr Dole right.

45% 29% 13% Colorado, Connecticut Maryland, Minnesota Massachusetts, Rhode

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Georgia, Maine,

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trated in New England. Strat-egists are calculating that Mr Dole's more moderate mes-sage will play well in liberal states like Massachusetts and Vermout — and that the en-tire region will be anxious to stop the conservative ultra, Pat Buchanan.

Fat suchanan. He is also helped by the condensed political timetable: with so many races concen-trated on single days, candi-dates can no longer engage in intense personal campaigning in individual attace increased in individual states. Instead they will have to rely more heavily on TV advertising. This helps Mr Dole, a notori-ously weak campaigner, and hinders his rivals.

But the crucial political fact of the night was revealed by the exit polls from South Car-olina. They showed that Mr Dole cut heavily into Mr Bu-chanan's base: the religious

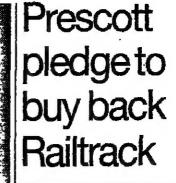
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hanan over Mr Dole by a | nor David Beasley - beloved | chanan over Mr Dole by a margin of five to one. At the same time, Mr Dole trium phed among self-de-scribed moderates, winning 46 per cent of them to Mr Bu-chanan's 16 per cent. In short, Mr Dole is emerg-ing as a Papublican John Wr State a page triumphed among self-de-scribed moderates, winning 46 per cent of them to Mr Bu-chanan's 16 per cent. In short, Mr Dole is emerg-ing as a Republican John Major: loved by neither wing of the party, but acceptable to both. Moderates cannot stom-ach Mr Buchanan, and right-wingere don't threat Mr Alex-

may have reached the ceiling

wingers don't trust Mr Alex-ander. But both can live with Mr Dole. "Only Dole cuts across the party," said politi-cal analyst William Schneider on race, should have been fer-tile territory for the former speechwriter's rightwing message. Yet, despite blatant appeals to old Southern reThe Guardian Monday March 4 1996

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Patrick Wintour, Chief **Political Correspondent**

OHN PRESCOTT. Labour's deputy leader, yesterday hardened his party's stance on renational-isation of the railways when he guaranteed Labour would here a hailtrack back into bring Railtrack back into

public ownership. If the Government sells all shares in Railtrack, as ex-pected. Labour is likely to propose to convert them into preference shares, avoiding the expense of buying back shares but securing control of the track system. Dividends would still have to be paid to shareholders.

Mr Prescott — who yester-day admitted to initially dis-liking the word "stakehold-ing" — did not go into these still confidential details on LWT's Dimbleby programme, but did promise the railways would be publicly owned and accountable, adding that a clause to this effect would be put into Railtrack's sale pro-spectus due in May, Railtrack must warn potential purchas-ers of the likelihood of repurchase by Labour.

Mr Prescott's remarks sug-gest he has won an internal battle to ensure that Labour will not simply seek tight reg-ulation of the rallways, as it

will be publicly owned and publicly accountable, and this will be defined very shortly

and be consistent with them Our position will be clear. We will find a formula which fits in with that criterion."

servatives, coupled with a statement from the national by the shadow railways spokesman, Brian Wilson. The pair's declarations of in-tent are likely to please the railway unions, which have feared Tony Blair would settle for regulation. anti-abortion campaign which declared Mr Dole as acceptable as Mr Buchanan on the issue, could prove a fatal

settle for regulation. The Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, has not yet said whether the Government will sell 100 per cent of Rail-track or only 51 per cent. He has also not ruled out retain-ing a golden share. Mr Pres-cott's office insists Labour has plans in place for each of these eventualities. "We've still got a fighting chance to win this nomina-tion," the hoarse-sounding firebrand told a campaign

Thumbs up . . . Bob Dole peeks round a curtain to gesture to a supporter at a campaign rally in Maine at the weekend before his win in South Carolina Photograph: ROBERT BUKATY

blow.

mates as a result. Mr Buchanan, meanwhile,

Marguerite Duras, cult

French writer,

dies in Paris

of his support. South Caro-lina, with its tortured history rally in Maine. He concedes he needs "one big breakthrough" to match his upset triumph in New Hampshire. He has high hopes for the industrial Mid-

proposes with the other priva-tised industries. Labour has already said that on election it will not agree to further train operating services being privatised, or agree to the renewal of any private contracts. Mr Prescott said: "Railways

will be defined very shortdy because that is a public ser-vice meeting public need. "We've said that formula will have to be put into the prospectus for Railtrack, and it will reflect those prunciples and he consistent with them.

His remarks were echoed by the shadow railways



event all round

David Fallows CBSO/Rattle

Birmingham

ALMOST 40 years after its first performance Stockhau-sen's Gruppen remains one of the supremely exciting works of the orchestral repertory. The excitement is not just in its difficulty and resource but partly because any performance is in the nature of a festival. Simply finding a room that can accommodate the three orchestras in the right way and leave room for a cent audience in the middle is already a problem. At Birmingham we were

moved from Symphony Hall to a vast exhibition space nearby. As Sir Simon Rattle remarked, it was the size of a nall village in Norfolk. And the set-up was beautifully calculated, with ideal spacing of the orchestras, colour, coded shirts for the players and - all things considered an astonishingly good acoustic ambience.

Even so, there were only about 1,000 seats between the orchestras, so the 20-minute work was played twice: those who had seats the first time were encouraged to go elseere for the second. I went up in the balcony, where everything could be seen, but even-tually decided that the back of the hall was rather better for sound. It was clear enough that

pact if you are not right in the middle. Not only do you miss the swirling effect of the music moving around the room, but the inexhaustibly inventive detail of the writing can disap pear. What does not get lost is the massively strong formal design, purposefully articu-

lated by the three conductors: John Carewe (who conducted in the first British performance 35 years ago), Rattle, and Daniel Harding. A few crucial details went astray the first time through: and nobody could be surprised at that when the writ-ing is so intricate. But both times you could hear clearly how all those terrifying de-tails are welded together in a work of the most remarkable restraint: no cheap effects, but a glorious and inexorable musical logic, firmly held in place. Gruppen will always feel like an uncompromising novelty, but as it approaches middle age it seems increas-ingly powerful and lucid. By way of introduction, Rattle and the CBSO presented two other towering masterpieces of the same years. Stra-vinsky's ballet Agon came across as a glittering kaleidoscope held in place by its rela-tively simple broad pattern. And Messiaen's Chronochro

mie — in some ways his least self-indulgent work, and surely inspired by the growing virtuosity of the young composers around him at the time -- simply glowed with its the music loses a lot of its im- | panoply of magical colours.

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Republican voters described themselves as Christian conleading in the nine states servatives - yet half of them South Carolina, however, by which vote in tomorrow's so- voted for Bob Dole. In New local factors which may not called Junior Tuesday hatch Hampshire and Arizona the be repeatable in other states. of contests, mainly concentration religious right chose Mr Bu-

yesterday. Mr Dole was helped in South Carolina, however, by

the state's right to fly the Con-federate battle flag, viewed by many blacks as a symbol of slavery — Mr Buchanan was rebuffed.

However, Labour sources expect a full-scale sale de-signed to raise the maximum West which votes on March 19 and which could be susceptible to Mr Buchanan's protectionist stance on trade. cash for the Government and pose the maximum political difficulties for Labour.

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Loyalist splinter group to renew Ulster attacks

David Sharrock and Patrick Wintour

Sinn Fein warned its members and nationalists to be ex-tremely vigilant. The party's SPLIT in loyalist para-military ranks has cast a shadow over today's opening round of proximity meetings intended to pave the way for Northern Ireland's all-party talks in June. Six County Chairperson, Gerry O'Hara said: "Pubs, clubs and other premises which have in the past been targeted by loyalists should as a matter of urgency reinas a matter of ugenty rem troduce security arrange-ments which might have lapsed in recent times." The Uster Unionist leader, Hard-line dissident elenents of the two main loval-

ist groups, the Ulster Volun-teer Force and the Ulster Freedom Fighters, announced David Trimble, said he was very concerned about the claims of a return to violence. they were pulling out of the ceasefire. "From today we will execute members of PIRA [Provisonal IRA] and Sinn There was a hint of this sort of action several months ago," he told BBC TV's Break-fast With Frost programme. "Dissident elements from Fein," a spokesman for the breakaway faction told a Belfast newspaper. The hooded spokesman — holding an Uzi sub-machine-gun — said the peace process was a farce and that unionists both the UDF and the UDA were threatening to combine. They were persuaded not to." Gary McMichael, leader of the Ulster Democratic Party, were being humiliated into making concessions. A new group, neither UVF nor Ulster Defence Associa-tion, would create "a balance under the second of fear", but its operations them, but if it's genuine then would not include the Irish obviously only a small num-Republic, there would not be ber of people are involved. random sectarian attacks and And if they are genuine then Roy Hattersley, page 8

it would stop if the IRA de- | it makes it more difficult for clared another ceasefire. | the Provisionals to renew their ceasefire,"

The Rev Roy Mages, the man who helped broker the loyalist ceasefire in the summer of 1994, said he was summoned to a secret meeting with dissident UVF members on Friday evening. "They indicated there was

deep concern particularly with the response by the Prime Minister to the London bomb-ing." he told BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend. "They said it appeared to them to be obvious that violence still paid. They were concerned about this and they would con-

sider taking action." A few days after the IRA bombed Canary Wharf, a senior loyalist leader said the ceasefire would hold so long as the Government did not "reward" republicans with

all-party talks. The path to these talks will get off to a rocky start today, with the two main unionist parties refusing to turn up and Sinn Fein complaining that it is being excluded.

Paul Webster in Paris MARGUERITE Duras, who aged 81, survived her reputa-tion of being a difficult author to become one of the great commercial successes of

French post-war literature. Despite a large cult following dating back to 1950 with Un Barrage Contre Le Pacifique, she did not achieve popular status until L'Amani in 1984 which sold more than two million copies in France and was made into a film.

Between those two books during which she was inter nationally recognised as one of the most original writers this century, she wrote the script for Alain Resnais's classic film, Hiroshima, Mor Amour, in 1960. She drew largely on roman

ticised autobiographical ma-terial for a dozen sparse novels, another dozen plays and five films. Doctors said Ms Duras, who had been ill for some years, died of a pulmonary crisis.

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continued from page 1 Union's highest unemployment rate. The Socialists had tried des-perately to tar their rivals with the brush of fascism. Mr Aznar's party was founded by a former minister under the

Franco dictatorship. But the prime minister. Felipe Gonzá-lez. who often appeared resigned to defeat, was burdened by corruption scandals and a continuing row over whether his government authorised death squads to fight Basque terrorism.

The Socialists' failure to crush the separatist guerrilla group. ETA, was underlined at the start of campaign when it killed one of the number it killed one of the prime minister's closest confidents. Mr González and his wife, Carmen Romero, also a candidate, were the first to cast their votes at a polling station near the prime minister's residence. Mr González was

given a noisy reception. Sup-porters applauded, but sev-eral in the crowd jeered and shouted "Out. Out."

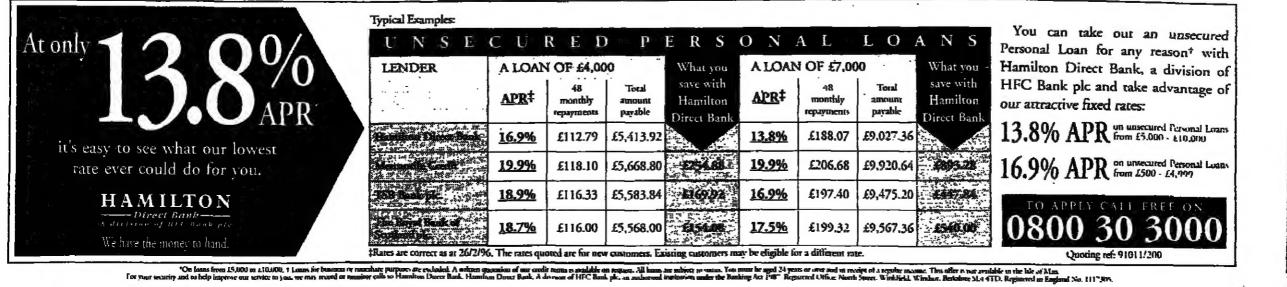
Spain's most prominent trade unionist. Antonio Gu-tièrrez, seemed to take a PP fieldom ever since the return

victory for granted, warning that his Workers' Commissions would fight social security cuts tooth and nail. "We've struggled very hard to reach a certain level of welfare provision which is still very low compared to the rest of Europe, so we're going to defend it." he said as he left the polling booth. With fine weather over

most of Spain, the turnout was high. Government officials said that two hours before the close of polling. 63 per cent of electors had voted, two percentage points more than at the same point in last gen-

eral election in 1993. The only violence to mar polling day was in the Basque capital, Vitoria. In separate incidents. Molotov cocktails were thrown at a police van outside a polling station and at a bus carrying leftwing demonstrators. Voting also took place yes-

terday for a new assembly in the southern region of Anda-lucia. The home of Mr González and many other leading Socialists, it has been a PSOE



Presco pledge buy ba Railtra: The Guardian Monday March # 1996 Shadow Welsh secretary's remarks about Prince of Wales focus attention on republican views within prove Blair forced to confront monarchy debate

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

ONY BLAIR was under pressure yes-terday to allow a free-

ranging debate within the Labour Party on the future of the monarchy, as it became clear that the shadow Welsh secretary, Ron Davies, remains an unrepentant republican de-spite apologising over his remarks about the Prince of Wales last week.

In a BBC interview Mr Davies said the prince was not fit to be king, partly because he spoke to plants one day and indulged in blood sports the next.

His apology was agreed in a friendly conversation bemonarchy. tween Mr Davies and Mr Blair on Friday afternoon, but appears to have been phrased to leave open Mr Da-vies's republican views. In an unbroadcast section of the BBC Wales interview, Mr Davies said he was "by instinct and by intellect a republican'

He probably intended the interview to indicate that republicanism was a legitimate view for Labour Party members. But his remarks could presage difficult rela-tions between him and the prince in the event of a Labour government, in which Mr Davies is likely to be Welsh secretary.

In other extracts not broadcast, Mr Davies said it would be impossible for Charles to be king if he remained "living in sin" with Camilla Parker-Bowles, and he claimed the prince sometimes used Wales as a weapon in his propa-ganda war against his wife. He did however stress the affection British people have

for the Queen. A number of Labour MPs. including many Welsh ones - at least 15 of whom are probably republicans, went on record yesterday supporting Mr Davies and demanding a more mature debate in the

Labour Party on the They were joined by George Walden, Tory MP for Buck-ingham, who accused John sordid money deals, all these blabbing lovers, these duch-esses and princesses, are we Major of low-life politics "for trying to score a point from Bangkok when the shadow Welsh secretary gets into a little trouble over the people?

monarchy. He added: "I think that's the politics of puerlility and I think it's a very sad day for the country when that is the any of his troops hinted at the truth'

level of our debate." Mr Walden called for government and Opposition to repeat the Grand Remon-



strance of 1641 by sending a message from the Commons telling the Royal Family "that you are actually demeaning yourselves and the country. When you think of all these

supposed to defer to those In views echoed by some Labour MPs yesterday, Mr Walden accused Mr Biair of 'believing somehow he'll be upsetting the middle classes if

But the Labour leader's office said Mr Davies had been asked to apologise not only because of the personal-ised criticisms of the Prince

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the monarchy. Mr Blair's office insisted it was not seeking to stille a party debate on the future of the monarchy, and regarded the matter as Mr Davies, who is no fan of

New Labour, doubtless knows that even if Mr Blair had wanted to dismiss him which the Labour leader does not -- his position is secure because he came fourth in the shadow cabinet elections last

Tony Benn, MP for Chesterfield, said yesterday: "A cou-ple of weeks ago, in a speech on the constitution, Mr Blair said that hereditary peers should not be allowed to sit in the House of Lords and what Mr Davies said was that bereditary monarchs should not be heads of state. It's very similar.

But Peter Mandelson, Labour MP for Hartlepool and a key adviser to Mr Blair, in-sisted that Mr Davies's views were "objectionable" and he was right to apologise.

"To say that the Prince of Wales for all sorts of personal reasons is not fit to be king is something which, on reflec-tion, Ron Davies quite rightly thought was something that he shouldn't have said." Mr Mandelson told Sky TV's Sunday programme.

Cool response . . . The Prince of Wales takes time out for his watercolour work in Pany, Switzerland Diana could face 'gagging clause'

Sally Weale

AWYERS for the Prince and Princess of Wales are expected to resume contact this week after their highly visible falling-out over the royal divorce settlement, with a proposed confidentiality clause at the top of the agenda of what are likely to be contentious discussions. The prince's lawyers are said to be determined to secure a "gagging clause" as a condition of the settlement in order to prevent the princess speaking out about their relationship and the royal family in a manner which could further damage the monarchy. A Buckingham Palace spokesman last night de-

known that officials are desperate to avoid a repetition of the princess's Panorama interview, which was deemed to be deeply harmful to the monarchy. Lawyers acting for the prince are believed to be drawing up a clause similar to that which formed part of the separation agree-ment between the Duke and Duchess of York four years ago. Solicitor Fiona Shack-leton, who then acted on behalf of the duke, now represents the Prince of Wales. Should the princess break any such confidenti-ality agreement, the royal family is unlikely to want

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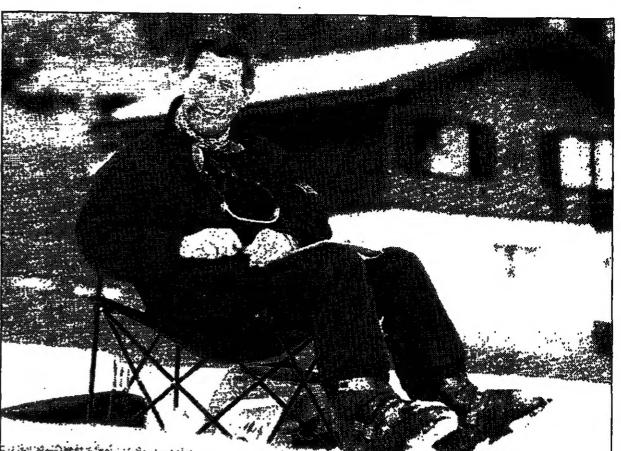
speculation", but it is a year. The princess's legal | cal" and says he is mindful known that officials are team is thought to favour a that "his duty is to perseone-off lump sum payment which would make it almost impossible for the palace to enforce any confidentiality clause. Negotiations are likely to be protracted. The princess was reported yesterday to have suggested during her 45-minute meeting with Charles on Wednesday that they should appear together on television to announce that they were seeking a divorce. The down of his marriage. prince refused. Writer and broadcaster Jonathan Dimbleby weighs into the royal debate today with an article in the US

vere in the bope that sanity and fairness will one day be restored, and in the knowledge that he will one day be

king". Mr Dimbleby, who elicited a confession of adultery from the prince during his television interview, said in those three "anguished" minutes the prince had said all that he had ever said, or was likely to say, about the break

The mother of the prin-cess, Frances Shand Kydd, said last night there was too much interference for her daughter ever to have to take her to court or seek magazine Newsweek, in made a success of her mar-damages from her. They which he claims that the riage. "They never got the are more likely to keep her prince "plays no part what-in check by threatening to soever" in the War of the needed to make their mar-





FO and Customs officials face writs over arms-to-Irag trial

Richard Norton-Taylor

ENIOR Customs and Foreign Office officials will today be served with High Court writs alleging conspiracy and abuse of authority in an arms-to-Iraq trial. The move follows sharp

criticism by Sir Richard Scott of the way officials improp-erly interfered with the course of justice in a Customs prosecution of three men charged with trying to sell 200 Sterling sub machine-guns to Iraq, via Jordan.

In what Sir Richard de-scribed as "disgraceful" conduct, the officials conspired in 1985 to persuade staff from the Iraqi and Jordanian embassies in London vot to ap-pear as witnesses on behalf of Major Reginald Dunk and Al-

HE Government is ex-

pected to announce

tomorrow that main-

stream television channels will be guaranteed access to

big sports events, despite the growing power of satellite

Virginia Bottomley, the

National Heritage Secretary,

is understood to have decided

that the eight top "listed" events — including the Grand

Andrew Culf Media Corresponden

stations.

exander Schlesinger, two by an Old Bailey jury in 1985. arms dealers, and James Ed. Mr Dunk and Mr Schlesinger miston, former owner of the were fined a total of £23,000 Sterling arms company. The Scott inquiry heard how Patrick Nixon, a senior

of one or two individuals but they can increasingly see that it is an anachroni

> FO diplomat, told a colleague, Carsten Pigott: "I confess to innocent reluctance to connive at impeding the course of justice!" He was replying to a note sent by Mr Pigott about approaches made to a senior

The compromise solution follows a heavy government defeat during the committee

stage of the Broadcasting Bill

in the House of Lords, when

peers insisted satellite

stations should be prevented from bidding for the eight

events. Their intention, how-

ever, was to ensure the events

remained accessible to all viewers on mainstream chan-

nels. Lord Inglewood, the

Broadcasting Minister, who

Iraqi embassy official. Mr Pigott subsequently told the inquiry he did not intend to impede the course of jus-"at the behest of the prosecu-tion authority". Sir Richard describes the actions of the tice, who said "the machina-tions" in the case "consti-tuted such an interference FO officials involved as

"thoroughly reprehensible". and adds that the behaviour with the justice process as to amount to an abuse of it". Sir Basil Rhodes, lawyer for Mr Dunk, is separately preparing of Customs officials deserved "greater censure". Mr Edmiston was acquitted a claim for compensation.

Top sports pledge for terrestrial TV

The Crown Prosecution Service has passed papers on the case to the Metropolitan Police, which says investiga-tions are continuing. Officials named in the appeal court judgment and in the Scott but their convictions were quashed by the Court of Ap-peal last year in light of the Scott inquiry evidence. Gavin McFarlane of Titreport are Mr Nixon, subse quently promoted to high muss, Sainer, Dechert, lawyers for Mr Edmiston, will today serve writs alleging commissioner in Lusaka, Zambia; Patrick Wogan, pro-"conspiracy and misfeasance in public office" against the moted to ambassador in Doha, Qatar: Mr Pigott, pro moted to deputy head of mis-sion in Addis Ababa; and Gra-ham Boyce, head of the FO's Customs & Excise Commissioners, the Foreign Office, and Mr Pigott. Mr McFarlane refers in the writ to the ap-peal court judgement by Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Jusenvironment, science and en-

would generally prefer a slimmed down vers that took up lass public money.

ergy department. They became involved after an initiative from Customs and Excise. Customs officers named by the appeal court and in the Scott report are Mike Knox, now in charge of the European and interna-tional division, and John Cassey, a special investigator.

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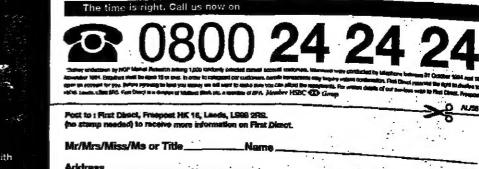
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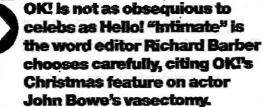
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basis to terrestrial and satel amendment, sponsored by lite broadcasters. Lord Howell, the former ment faces a fresh rebellion over sports coverage in the Labour sports minister, was badly drafted. Because Test matches involving England Lords omorrow, as a cross party alliance of peers seeks more curbs on satellite stations. An amendment which would force sporting bodies to sell highlights to the BBC or ITV if Sky Sports had are on the list, it would have the exclusive live rights is to

be debated. The amendment has the backing of the BBC, which arues it would help sports bodies by enabling them to set up a secondary rights market. The Government op-poses it, believing it would

force sports owners to sell to almost anyone who asks.

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will announce the Govern-ment's plan, believes it will satisfy the Lords' concerns. screen any of the listed events non-exclusively. Meanwhile, the Govern-

prevented Sky Sports screen-ing overseas tours, even though the BBC does not have airtime to broadcast them. Under the Government's proposals - following a sixweek consultation with broadcasters and sporting authorities - the BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Channel 5 and BSkyB would be able to

4 BRITAIN

Blair adviser defends decision not to send daughter to comprehensive

Labour under fire in new row over school choice

Donald Macleod ducation Correspo

ONY BLAIR'S senior schools adviser hinted yesterday that he had bowed to pressures from his wife not to send their youngest daughter to a local comprehensive and dent and selective grantto a local comprehensive and admitted that the decision was at odds with his role.

Professor Michael Barber. Dean of New Initiatives at London University's Institute of Education, defended his "very difficult" decision and said he expected criticism from some in the Labour Party. The disclosure which led to renewed Tory attacks on alleged Labour hypocrisy comes after Mr Blair sent his

would take pressure off the ber decided not to send 11year-old Alys to Haggerston Girls school in Hackney, other governors." He acknowledged that every decision to opt out of the state system - like that north London -- of which he is a governor — "following vigorous debate within the which he and his family had taken — made his role in ad-vising Labour on how to "turn round" failing inver city schools more difficult. "The goal for policy for the duration has the bat

maintained schools. "My wife and I differ in our views about education and politics." he said. "I respect state education has to be to make schools good enough to attract parents who simply want the best education for their child. I am aware that the decision we are taking her views. Having taken this decision as a family, I must take responsibility for it." His wife had "not been imreceived by one of two older daughters at a London commakes that less likely. Every parent that opts out makes the improvement of state prehensive school", and was adamant that Alys should get comprehensive schools more difficult, because it spreads

man chose to send her son to at Hagerstone school in Hack- and north London compre-a grammar school. Prof Bar- ney. "I thought my offer hensive head teacher. said hensive head teacher. said: "There are now so many Labour politicians and advisers sending their children to grant-maintained or independent schools that they should set up a special school for them and see how it competes

with the state system." Graham Riddick, MP for Colne Valley and a member of the Commons education select committee, said: "This is another example of the Labour Party and those associated with it taking advantage of Conservative choice in education while at the same time advocating pol-icies that would deny other parents that same choice." David Blunkett, the shadow education secretary, played down the row as a "non story.

doubt about their quality." Sir Rhodes Boyson MP, a son to a grant-maintained the best opportunity. school and the shadow health Prof Barber said he had of-He is not a politician or an pokeswoman Harriet Har- | fered to resign as a governor | former education minister | MP. He is an individual". Ashdown wants to end hostility

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John Carvel ducation Editor

ADDY Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, intends to drop his party's hostility to private education and recognise the ed for independent schools to keep the financial benefit of charitable status.

A policy paper being sent out today to party members endorses "the right of parents to send their children to the school of their choice

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ships with independent poorer children with special schools so that their facilities can be opened up to the wider needs, which it defines to in-

clude exceptional talent. The Liberal Democrats ommunity". "The Liberal Democrats went into the last election question-ing independent schools' char-itable status which entitled would allow education authorities to appoint represen-tatives on independent school them to tax reliefs worth £41 governing bodies and the secmillion a year. Under the new plan, charitable status would tor would be subject to the national curriculum, tests be extended to council schools, helping them to raise and inspections. Individual schools could decide the exfunds through sponsorship

and covenants. The party remains opposed

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thorities to "develop partner- | but it proposes an alternative | cation for 7 per cent of the ships with independent | version of bursaries for | population is an enormous resource and we want to find ways of tapping it for the widest possible use by the whole community," said Don Foster, the education spoke

An Independent Schools In-formation Service spokesman said: "Their change of heart on charitable status is welcome. It is a shame they cannot see their way to living with the assisted places scheme

tent of their partnership. "We are recognising that "We would certainly well come any opportunity to have very co-operative relationindependent schools are not going to go away. Private eduship with the state sector."



How painting stored for 70 years was identified as a Gossaert

John Ezard and Isabel Carlisle

N EXPERT on dating free rings has proved for the National Gal ery that a painting hidden in its store for nearly 70 years is a lost work by the 16th century Flemish art-ist, Jan Gossaert.

The small painting ection in 1860. It had been in store since 1926, and so covered in yelwhich is now on public dis-play, was dismissed as an

An expert on tree rings showed that the wood panel Gossaert used was cut from a tree felled in 1501

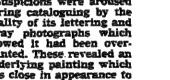
art market. "It was a sad little thing," said Jill Dunkerton, a gallery conservationist. The cataloguer. Lorne

Suspicions were aroused during cataloguing by the quality of its lettering and X-ray photographs which showed it had been over-painted. These revealed an fore being restored, it looked so unimpressive that the gallery nearly sold it after buying it as part of the French Beaucousin colunderlying painting which was close in appearance to a print known to have been

18th century copy. But 18th century copy. But after it was brought up from stores for cataloga-ing, a dendrochronologist showed that the wood panel showed that the wood panel shimmed to make it more Adam and Eve lent by the low varnish that the grain the work now joins what is of the wood was invisible, already the world's best The face and shoulders of collection of Gossaert bries press

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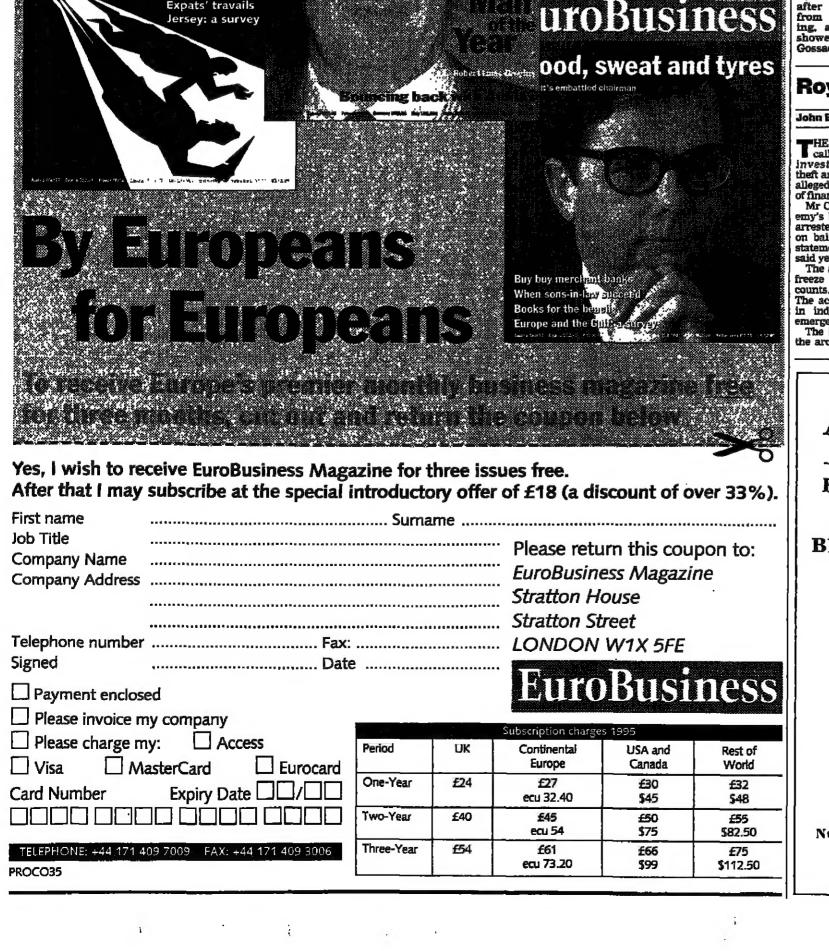




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Royal Academy calls in Yard over 'theft'

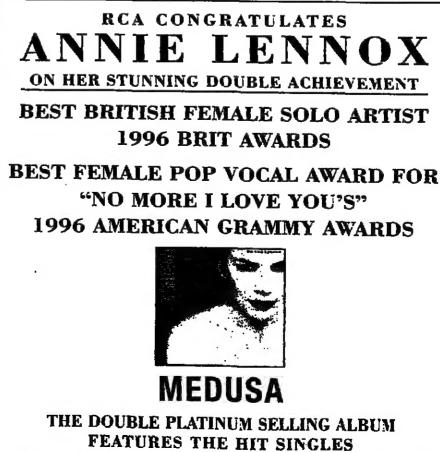
John Ezard HE Royal Academy has called in Scotland Yard to investigate allegations of theft and has issued a writ for alleged fraud against its head of finance, Trevor Clark. Mr Clark, aged 43, the acad-emy's bursar since 1979, was arrested last month and freed on ball pending inquiries, a statement by Scotland Yard said yesterday. The academy has sought to freeze Mr Clark's bank ac-counts. He has left his job. The academy has also called in independent auditors, it emerged last night. The institution's president, the architect Sir Philip Dow-

son, said the alleged losses were serious, but the acad-emy would not know their Cross police station at a date yet to be arranged." Mr Clark said he had been scale until after fuller investiscale with alter inter invest-gation. "It is something which hurts dedicated staff immensely. It feels terrible." Sir Philip added: "The acad-emy is well insured, and we have every hope of recovering any loss that has occurred." The Scotland Yard statement said: "The theft is believed to have occurred between 1991

and 1995, and was reported to police on January 24. "A 43-year-old man was arrested in connection with this inquiry on February 12, was bailed to return to West End Central police station on Feb-ruary 29, and has been re-bailed to return to Charing painter Sir Joshua Reynolds.

advised on legal grounds not to comment on the allega-tions. The academy writ, issued in the High Court last week, seeks damages for alleged fraud and alleged breach of the implied terms of Mr Clark's contract. It also complains of "breach of fiduclary trust". The academy took these

steps after concern about the results of a routine check on its accounts. Run by a council of 34 artists, the academy was founded by King George III in 1768 to encourage painting.



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BRITAIN 5

Maev Kennedy on the scholarly battle over century-old leases at Burlington House

Learned societies to fight eviction

HE Government is attempting to evict or force some of the most distinguished schol-arly societies to buy their leasehold on premises which they have occupied for more than a century. The "learned societies"

have taken legal advice, and are prepared to take the fight to the courts. The threat to the societies occupying Bur-lington House in London is part of the same review of government property which led to the flasco over Admi-raity Arch, whose sale was announced and then denied after Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton called the Defence Secretary Michael

Portillo "a little creep". Between them the learned societies, provided with state accommodation since George III found them room in Som-erset House in the 1770s, have members in every university and scholarly institution in and scholarry institution in the country, and many abroad. Their libraries are used for research by thou-sands of acholars. The secretary of the Society of Antiquaries, Dai Morgan Evans, said: "Whatever the

valuation, as a charity my trustees could not possibly

trustees could not possibly agree to pay the Government money for something they have already given us." Property Holdings, which managed government prop-erty, is being wound up and has been selling off as much as possible before each de-partment takes direct responpartment takes direct respon-sibility for its own property. After a series of meetings with Sir Paul Beresford, the minister at the Department of the Environment responsible for the property portfolio, who sent estate agents in to survey the premises, the five societies' leases have been valued at £10 million.

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The oldest is the Society of Antiquaries of London, founded in the 18th century and re-established in 1707. which moved to Burlington House in 1874.

The other societies affected are the Linnean, founded in 1788, the Geological; 1807, the British Astronomical Associstion, 1890, and the Royal Society of Chemistry, which first met in 1841. The Royal Academy is not affected as it holds a 999-year

repairing lease. The antiquaries could prob-

ably only raise the money by selling some of their trea-sures. such as their copy of the Domesday Book, or the Tudor panel portrait of Queen Mary, which would provoke a scandal on the scale of Hereford Cathedral's attempt to sell the Mappa Mundi. The Linneans' only resource would be to sell the

reason for their existence, their library. The societies have taken

The societies have taken legal advice from Charles Sparrow QC — a fellow of the Antiquaries — whose opinion is that they have a legal inter-est in their apartments at Burlington House. This, he says, "has the effect in law of a species of freehold". There was a parliamentary debate was a parliamentary debate when the government needed the Somerset House space for the expanding Inland Reve-nue in 1857, and a minister stated that the societies 'could not be turned out without their own consent". The same terms then applied to Burlington House, he argues. The societies believe that what Lord Palmerston said of them in 1857 is still true. In

the Commons debate on moving to Burlington House, the prime minister said they were provided with accommo-dation "mainly for the advantage of the country". The botanist David Bel-lamy, a fellow of the Linnean Society, said: "If John Major goes ahead with this be will

not only have shot himself in the foot but in the head and the backside, and I will be happy to kick it for him." A spokesman for the Environment Department said: "We are trying to determine the ownership of Burlington Honse. When that question is resolved we can proceed to discuss in a sensible manner the terms for the learned soci-eties' continued occupation."



Dai Morgan Evans, secretary of the Society of Antiquaries

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News in brief

HIV surgeon says he poses 'tiny' risk

A SURGEON with the HIV virus yesterday said that the risk to his patients would be "infinitesimally small" If he was allowed to return to the operating theatre. Professor George Browning. a leading ear specialist and Britain's first surgeon publicly known to be HIV-positive, said he believed the chances were high of him being allowed to return.

with guidelines and was now taking his request through the next stage of the procedure.

If he was allowed to return, he would tell his patients and if any had the "slightest" hesitation he would tell his partents and i colleague. He gave up surgery at two hospitals in Glasgow in late 1994 after testing HIV positive.

More cash for 'sin-bins'

EXPERT teams are to be set up in 22 local education authorities to help teachers deal with disruptive pupils, it was announced yesterday. The move is part of the Government's review of schools' powers to deal with classroom troublemakers. Last autumn, the Education Secretary, Gillian Shephard, an-nounced a series of measures, principally the resoration of pow-ers to exclude children indefinitely and for longer fixed terms. But she also promised that schools would be able to draw on the expertise of "expert support teams" to counter bad behaviour. Mrs Shephard said £3 million would be made available to fund pupil referral units — so-called sin-bins — and invited bids from local education authorities. But the schools minister, Robin Squire, has announced that the quality of bids has been so high that £3.7 million will be distributed. The projects include behav-iour support teams in 22 LEAs, and school-based centres for pupils at risk of exclusion in 23. EXPERT teams are to be set up in 22 local education authorities to

Monk found dead

A MONK who was found dead at a leading Catholic public school could have sufficiented in a bizarre nightime incident at the weekend. The body of Father John Patrick Benjamin O'Sullivan, aged 34, was found with a plastic bag over his head in woodlands in the grounds of Ampleforth College, North Yorkshire. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances and are preparing a report for the coroner. It is believed he committed suicide. Father Benjamin, a Benedictine monk, was a member of the monastic community at the college where he became choir-master. Under his leadship the choir made a record last year based on Gregorian chant. The CD, called Vision of Peace. The based on Gregorian chant. The CD, called Vision of Peace, The Way of the Monk, is a contender for the Classic FM top of the pops following its release in America at Christmas. Last week a housemaster, Father Bernard Green, was charged with indecency involving a boy under 16.

Backpackers behaving badly

BACKPACKERS behave badly abroad, indulging in casual sex and experimenting with drugs, says a survey. But sometimes they are more sinned against than sinning, with a quarter of travellers admitting to falling for con tricks while away.

The survey, from the travel company, STA Travel, and British Alrways, found that 18 per cent of backpackers confessed to having woken up next to a complete stranger while travelling, 16 per cent had experimented with drugs; and 12 per cent admitted to "doing runners" from restaurants.

Scottish council tax 'U-turn'

THE Government has agreed a 258-million concession to Scottish councils facing heavy council tax increases coupled with cuts in their spending plans. The move, to be announced today by the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, follows intensive lobbying by the councils, which meet on Tuesday to set their budgets and ouncil tax levels.

The concession does not give the councils extra cash but provides more freedom to shuffle money between existing budgets. It is likely to be presented by Mr Forsyth as further evidence of the Government's new "listening" mode, and of his desire to

Tories press Rifkind on EMU

Patrick Wistour, Chief olitical Correspondent

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ORY Euro-sceptics are piling the pressure on the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, in advance of next week's white paper on Europe by demanding that he

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weekend reports that the Chancellor Kenneth Clarke, the Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine and the De-fence Secretary Michael Por-tillo were resisting calls that

He also accepted that it was a specific commitment to a referendum on a single cur-rency be written into the white paper on the forthcomlegitimate for the other EU members to change the condi-tions for a single currency without Britain on the basis ing inter governmental conference starting on March 29 and likely to continue well that the Government had opt-ed out of the single currency

ment, but it seems unlikely this can be repeated. Ministers have been resist

ing a new line on EMU being written into the white paper, arguing that the IGC will not tackle the single currency topic but will examine insti tutional reforms required by enlargement of the EU. Eurosceptics regard the white paper as an opportunity to set

political career in Britain sea seat being fought in the after the colony's handover next election by Sir Nicho-

Patten considers return to UK fray

would "certainly" consider a return to politics if an op portunity arose. Friends say he is interested whether or not the Tories

win, and is interested in the

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent HE governor of Hong Kong, Chris Patten, is ready to relaunch his new Kensington and Chel-

	The leading Euro-sceptic Bill Cash has written to all backbench MPs pressing for a clear new line on economic and monetary union. Pro-Europeans in the new left of centre Macleod group will launch an alternative prospectus this week.	ell ed out of the single currency out Britain's position of	a all after the colony's handover to a book the colony's handover is to china next year, even if the color to be the general the election. They old former Conservative is the Party chairman who was is eing dispatched to Hong Kong as ence the final British governor is after he lost his Bath seat of in the 1992 election, said of the to the the tot hong Kong as the final British governor is after he lost his Bath seat of the the tot hong Kong as the final British governor is the final British governor is the tot hong Kong as the final British governor is the final British governor is the tot hong Kong as the final British governor is the tot hong Kong as the final British governor is the tot hong Kong as the final British governor is the tot hong Kong as the final British governor is the tot hong Kong as the final British governor is the tot hong Kong as the final British governor is the final British governor	next election by Sir Nicho- las Scott. Admitting that he was still "a political animal", Mr Patten said he "couldn't fail to still be interested" in British political issues. Mr Patten is known to have changed his views considerably on Europe, be comine increasingly critt-	devolve more responsibility to local government. Russian sailor's indigestion A BIT of amateur surgery may have been responsible for the emergency call which cost the British tarpayer £1 million. Health managers have refused to comment on the treatment adminis- tared to submariner Alexander Erokhin after he was airlifted
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6 WORLD NEWS The Guardian Monday March 4 1996. Wary Qatar digs in for more trouble

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There is no love lost between the rulers of [or six officers, are now in] this Gulf region after the Valentine's Day 'conspiracy', writes lan Black in Doha

entine's Day massacre: zero-hour for the plotters was 0.400

on February 14 in the final

debilitating week of the Ramadan fast. At 05.15, three

men were to die in assaults on

their homes — the emir. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-

Thani; the interior minister;

Some 20 men, including five

and the foreign minister.

OOKING combative | cials say, to have been a Valin sandbagged machine gun emplacenents on the roof of army headquarters. not far from the emir's palace, Qatari soldiers still scan the streets of Doha for signs of trouble after last month's 'vile conspiracy" against the regime. Outward appearances in the

Bazookas, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, Kalashni-kov rilles, and heavy machine capital — caim but buzzing with rumour — suggest a small nation on guard. But the gans for 100 men were found in raids on houses and desert much is elusive as hazy facts caches, and later displayed to sceptical Western embassies. are manipulated and veiled warnings are whispered in the labyrinthine style of the Ara-Plans were conveniently set out on a computer disk. bian peninsula.

It was supposed. Qatari offi-

prison, although their alleged leader is still at large. He is Sheikh Hamad bin Jasim, a discredited ex-minister said will stay silent now. They to have been waiting in his BMW across the border. The government's accu

Behind the plotters is said to stand Qatar's former emir, Sheikh Khalifa, deposed by his son Hamad in a bloodless coup last July, and now living in the United Arab Emirates. Behind Sheikh Khalifa, offi-cials insist off the record, are Caudi Arabia Babagia and embarassing the Caudi Arabia Caudi Arabia Caudi Arabia Council. Qatar, with fewer than half a million people. is seen as a dangerous maverick. always breaking the rules and embarassing the Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the UAE.

Not everyone is convinced by the official line. "The gov-ernment used these events. ernment used these events, they exaggerated them for their own purposes," a well-placed Qatari said. "Some-thing did happen, but not very much. Perhaps they thought that by exposing this they could prevent something more serious happening.

"I am afraid that this plot is | Israel - all sensitive points | had blood between him and The government's accusa

tions come as no surprise. Among the monarchies of the Saudi-dominated Gulf Co-op-"People in the Gulf go around looking dignified in their white robes but scheme

like stink." said one diplomat. "The problem with the Qa-taris is that they've been lifting up the corners of the tent and shedding light where it doesn't normally go." Looking out for its own in-terests, Doha enjoys good

relations with Iran. Irao and

- and has offered the United the Saudi defence minister, States facilities for pre-posi-tioning military equipment Prince Sultan. And everyone remembers for another Gulf war. On the home front, the emir — a youthful 47 compared to his septuagenarian GCC col-after Qatar was passed over

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stance: there has long been | tory, alliances and resources.

Qatari officials single out | presented so far about its neighbours' role is far from conclusive. Yet Doha wants to Bahrain as having played a key destabilising role. Sheikh Hamad bin Jasim is said to

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have a Bahraini diplomatic passport and to have planned his moves in a Manama hotel. Doha was enraged late last year when Sheikh Khalifa was received in Bahrain like a visiting head of state. It hit back provocatively recently by allowing two leading Bah-raini dissidents to be interviewed on Qatar television.

With the two countries in dispute over the Hawar is-lands, occupied by Bahrain though far closer to Qatar, there is a military dimension too. On February 14. Doha monitored Bahraini helicop-ter activity over the islands. No one is sure whether this

was in support of the plot. Western sources insist that Qatar should either put up or shut up. The evidence it has

keep the charges alive. Whatever did happen on Valentine's Day, the Qataris made a calculated decision to go public. The plotters' identities were known, thanks to informers and sophisticated eavesdropping equipment. "Our intelligence knew about the operation until it started to happen," said a senior gov-ernment source. "But there was some delay between the start and our announcement because we needed time to

round everyone up. One useful effect has been a rallying behind the emir. Another is that it has put paid to any possibility of a reconcila-tion with Sheikh Khalifa. "He can come home as father, but

that's it," said a close rela-tive. "Sheikh Hamad will not step down."

News in brief

Iranian opposition boycotts election

IRAN'S only opposition party, the Iran Freedom Movement, will boycott this week's general election because the govern-ment has effectively refused to allow it to campaign, its leader. Dr Ebrahim Yazdi, said. He said the interior ministry had banned its rallies and newspapers had rejected election advertisements.

The party and its coalition partners had submitted 15 candidates for election, but only four of them passed a vetting proces by the clergy-based Guardian Council, which checked all contenders for their Islamic beliefs. Dr Yazdi was among those

The party is the only one inside Iran to declare publicly its opposition to absolute clerical rule. Its decision to boycott the election could depress voter turnout. — Kathy Evans, Tehran.

Russians in Chechen clash

RUSSIAN troops fought a fierce battle with rebels yesterday after being amhushed in a village in western Chechenia, Russia's top military commander in the breakaway republic said. General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov told Itar-Tass news agency

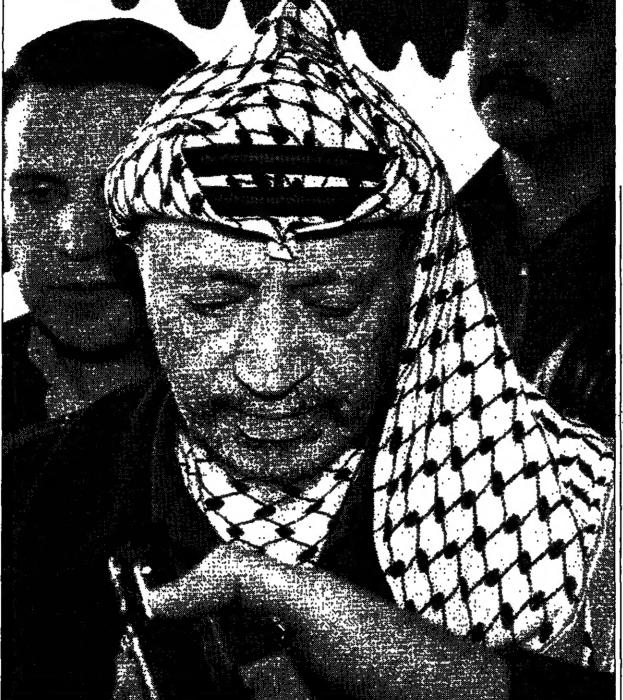
there were dead and wounded on both sides as fighting raged in Sernovodsk. 30 miles west of the capital Grozny. He gave no details of the casualities.

Russian soldiers had been deployed around Sernovodsk for several days as negotiations took place with village elders in an attempt to disarm rebels believed to be holed up there. The Russians moved into the village when the Chechen side failed to show up for talks on Saturday.

President Boris Yeitsin, who is considering new peace propos-als, has sold progress in solving the conflict is crucial to his bid to stave off a strong Communist challenge and win a second presidential term in elections on June 16.

A spokesman for Mr Yeltsin's security council said on Friday that the president was considering proposals put forward by one of two groups set up to work out a peace plan. -- Reuter, Moscow.

Afghans flee fighting



'Martyr' leaves perilous legacy

Derek Brown in Jerusalem reports on a deepening Hamas split and the threat to peace

ITTLE is known of Islam Mohammed, the young man who blew himself and 18 others to pieces in Jerusalem yesterday. He was 24, according to Palestine Libera-tion Organisation sources, and lived in the West Bank town of Hebron. He was, apparently, a former student at the prestigious Bir Zeit upiversity, near Ramallah. He was a fanatic supporter of the Islamist movement,

Hamas; a victim of an organisation seemingly in an ad-vanced state of disintegration. Hamas and its military

wing Izedeen al-Qassam, have long been described as formi-dably disciplined and committed to their peculiar vision of an Islamic state of Palestine. But there is mounting evi-dence that at the political and paramilitary levels, the move-ment is deeply divided. The division is not simply

between relative moderates and hardline militants. It is a more complex process of factional dissolution. Last week, the Hamas miligramme and we are commit-

that he was yet another "mar-tyr" in the anti-Zionist cause. The latest Hamas statement carries the group's hubristic hallmarks, claiming credit for the carnage in Jaffa Street on behalf of "the martyred Engineer Yahya Ayyash". He was the movement's master bomb-maker, assassinated by Is-

raeli agents in early January. "To the government of Is-rael: with this attack we end our response to the martyring of the Engineer, and we will halt military activities start-ing this morning in order to give the Israeli government and the inside [the locallybased] Hamas political leadership time to reach a truce through the mediation of the Palestinian Authority within

three months," it said. The gloating tone was genuine enough. The only problem is that last week Hamas had already offered a conditional truce, strongly implying that there would be no more militant attacks before March 8. Yesterday's bomb made thatstatement bloodily ridiculous. The statement also highlighted the divisions in Hamas by ticking off the authors of the earlier truce offer: "We warn those brothers who issued a leaflet ... offering Israel a truce. that they must immediately halt issuing any statements be-cause we have a clear pro-

THOUSANDS of Afghan people fled their homes for governmentcontrolled areas yesterday after lighting between two opposition groups in the northern city of Pul-i-Khumri, aid agency sources said. They said foreign aid agencies were considering whether to pull out of the area because of the fighting between forces of the Hizbe Islami party of the former prime minister, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, and the Ismaili Muslim sect led by Sayed Jafar Nadiri.

The battles, which broke out last Wednesday following the murder of a senior Hizbe commander. Haii Nawab, have left hundreds of people dead and wounded, travellers from the area said. — Reuter, Kabul,

Film judges love Hate

AN ANTI-POLICE tale of brutality and altenation in France's urban ghettos has won the best film award at France's answer to the Oscars. The French film La Haine (Hate), directed by Mathieu Kassovitz, was awarded the César at a ceremony in Paris, It has been seen in France by more than 2 million people. Starkly filmed in black and white, it follows three youths

through a day in Paris's suburbs, beset by police harassment and violence.

The award for the best foreign film went to the British director Ken Loach for Land and Freedom, depicting the moral choices faced by a leftwing English fighter in the Spanish civil war. The veterum French director Claude Sautet won the César for

best director for Nelly et M Arnaud, about the ill-fated relation-ship between a divorced former judge (Michel Serrault) and a woman (Emmanuelle Beart) less than than half his age. Mr Serrault took the César for the best actor, his third after awards

for roles in the comedy La Cage aux Folles and for Garde a Vue. Best actress award went to isabelle Huppert for her portrayal of a busybody post-office manager in La Cérémonie, based on a Ruth Rendell novel, A Judgment in Stone. - Reuter, Paris.

Iran 'training Bosnian troops'

THE BOSNIAN government has sent soldiers to Iran for training as part of an effort to revamp its military, senior Western and Bosnian government officials say. Two Bosnian officials who privately confirmed the training refused to say how many troops were in Iran, but European countries with embassies there say there are probably "a few hundred" Bosnians who are being trained in light-infantry tactics. The training, combined with the presence of 150 to 200 Iranian

revolutionary guards in Bosnia in violation of the Dayton peace accord, is likely to anger Bosnia's Western backers.

The United States has promised to help train and equip the Bosnian army once negotiations in Vienna, aimed at achieving a balance of forces in the Balkans, end in June. But US officials have warned Sarajevo that its failure to expel "several hundred" foreign soldiers — mostly Iranian and other Islamic units that assisted the government during the war - could jeopardise any military assistance. An intensive programme to train officers and troops in Iran will make it even more difficult for the Pentagon to assist the Bosnian military. Nato officials said. — New York Times, Vienna.

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A grim Yasser Arafat talks to reporters in Gaza City yesterday after the suicide bomb in Jerusalemphotograph: ADEL HANA claimed — in Damascus —

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every word we say." The boast carries a chilling bility for the February 25 suimessage for Israel and the Palestinian Authority. It is bombings in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, which killed 27 that Hamas divided could be a people. There were two more statements four days later. lot more difficult to deal with than Hamas united.

the first denying responsi-bility for the slaughter, the Mahmoud Zahhar, a Hamas leader, yesterday dismissed a threat by Shimon Peres, the second reiterating that responsibility. On February 26, an Ameri-

Israeli prime minister, to can of Palestinian extraction drove his car into a crowded wage all-out war against the group. "If they force us to drink from this cup, they'll Jerusalem bus queue, killing a woman before being shot dead by Israeli armed civildrink from it, too." he said.

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Bosnian war criminals enliven Sarajevo ski resort

Julian Borger on Mount Jahorina

HE heavy snowfall of the past fortnight has turned the Bosnian Serb flight from Sarajevo into a miser-

of the war.

gled glitterati slalom irritably around the occasional homeable, frostbitten debacle, but for the Serb elite enjoying the rarefied air 3,000 feet above less Serb who strays on to the the city these are the best ski-**Distes**. According to Darko Rudic ing conditions since the end who runs one of the lifts, Gen-eral Ratko Mladic, the Bos-Mount Jahorina is where Bosnia's war criminals come nian Serb military command-

up to the summit.

The once-glamorous hotels

on the top have become refu-

gee camps. But the ski-lifts are still working and the gog-

for sun, snow and après-ski. er, is an excellent skier and a Smart ski-laden cars weave in regular visitor. The date of and out of the pathetic cara-van of Serb trucks and trachis most recent appearance, Mr Rudic said, is "a military tors taking the mountain road out of the Sarajevo suburbs.

The BMWs and Toyotas are dicted war criminal, Radovan tion, and only those who have territory controlled by the from Vogosca, the first sub-waved through the Serb Karadzic, were on the slopes done relatively well out of the Muslim-Croat federation. Urb to fall under Bosnian police checkpoints and speed at the weekend, but the Bos war can afford the 23 ski pass. He shook his head at the abnian Serb leader stayed in Pale, the ski resort which serves as the Serb Republic's "capital". "They all come up here. Most of the leaders, and the most famous fighters," said

Mr Rudic, who has worked on the slopes of Jahorina for 15 years. 'T've been to France pistes so it's not a problem," and Switzerland, but I've he insisted. never seen anything to compare to Jahorina." It was hard to argue this

weekend. The sky was a deep blue against the pure white powdered slopes. As the Re-publika Srpska bas virtually

Mr Rudic pointed out the excellent state of the ski-runs. Scarce fuel supplies were set aside during the war to keep the piste-bashers working, and only one area is thought to be mined. It is not marked but everyone knows where it is, and it's not on one of the

For Mr Rudic, the Dayton peace plan presents a far greater threat to Mt Jahorina's prospects as a born-again ski resort. He believes

surdity of it all. The prospect of Bosnian police or war crimes investigators from The Hague pursuing promi-nent Serbs through the snow was clearly unthinkable. "All we can do is change the direc-

tion of the pistes," he said. The apres-ski is not what it was in Sarajevo's heyday, when it hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics. Serb refugees mill disconsolately around the un-'lit hotel corridors, waiting to be told where to go next.

"We haven't seen anyone from Pale," said Vojo Jovano-Mr Rudic said, is "a military powdered slopes. As the Re-secret". publika Srpska has virtually rajevo, his chair-lift will vic, who arrived with his wife the skis. There didn't seem rajevo, his chair-lift will and son on Saturday night any point."

of their single bedroom there was a picture of a cheerful, curly-haired boy, laughing as he acknowledged applause at a school assembly Vojo's wife. Milena, picked

up the photograph and fin-gered it absent-mindedly. It was Sasa, her eldest son, killed by a sniper in the war. "He was such a good skier." said Vojo. "We would come here every weekend. We'd just take the skis, spend the day on the slopes and be back home by evening. Now we've

Corruption unites Spaniards against González

the right, reports Adela Gooch in Pozuelo

OZUELO, a sprawling, standing in line to vote with affluent suburb, is Mr González, who plans to prime territory for the move into a £350,000 home in the area if defeated. His conservative Popular Party. where yesterday voters seemed determined to end 13 neighbours will be business men and highly paid profesyears of Socialist rule. sionals, many of whom once supported Mr Gonzalez's "I wouldn't say he [Felipe González] has done nothing right," said Jesús Ventas, a socialism but have been alienated by corruption. banker, arriving at the polling "I've voted Socialist in the past but I can't do it this time," said José Luis, an arstation. "But the balance isn't positive. He leaves enormous chitect. "The corruption has problems - terrorism, the gone too far." economy - and it's going to be

hard to put them right." His son, Andrés, voting for At the next election, Mr Ventas could find himself, tired of the Socialists — I going to vote for him."

many new voters who have

none of the qualms of older people about backing the right. "I'm voting to get rid of Gonzalez." said David Gutlérrez, aged 22, a dental assis tant. 'I voted for the PP also,' added his girlfriend, Arran

cha Torres, a student. The constituency includes many professionals in their thirties. "We think the PP best represents our values and pri orities." said Luis Cornel. But his mother disagreed

"I can remember what life

The young have no qualms about lurching to say Mr Aznar is like General Franco in their adverts." The right, reports **Adela Gooch** in Pozuelo don't belive them when they say Mr Aznar is like General Franco in their adverts." His views are typical of en masse, writes **John Hooper** in Barajas worked a lot, earned a pit-tance," she said.

RAMON MARTIN stood by his taxi outside the polling station in Bar-He added: "I'm no rightwinger. But I can't take any ajas, a town near Madrid's international airport.

"This time, I'm voting for the Popular Party (PP). but just to give Felipe [González] the polling station. David Ruiz is one of the 40 a kick up the arse," he said. "I knew him when he was per cent of Spaniards below the age of 25 without a job. called Isidoro [the Socialist "I cast a blank vote," he said. "Those we've got aren't leader's pseudonym in the clandestine opposition to up to it, but the others aren't

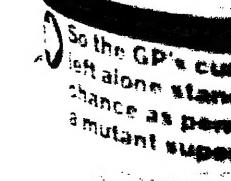
the dictator General Franco]. I was in the UGT really an alternative." Maria Luisa Pérez does [the Socialist trade union], have a job, as a cook. Her | least an honest answer.

Nothing in the campaign had persuaded Ms Pérez to vote against the Socialists. "The way I see it is that we

more of this corruption." "The way I see Hundreds of mainly all complain Newer-middle class voters a thousand were trooping in and out of than before." all complain a lot, and live a thousand times better Javier Soriano, a local

lawyer, said he had started voting for the right only after the collapse of Spain's main centre party. "The government we

have now is a corrupt one." Mr Soriano said. "I think the PP are the answer, or at but I left when I took redun-dancy and bought the cab." the southern province of lieve in them much either." . _



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Castro unrepentant as US gains moral high ground **Cuban Americans** mourn lost pilots

Phil Gunson in Miami

S FUNERALS go, ff was an unorthodox affair. Half a dozen light aircraft swung in a tight circle marking the spot where a week earlier four Cuban American pilots had los their lives in a rocket attack by Cuban air-force MiGs.

Smoke from a flare rose into the sky while, a short dis-tance away, the United States coastguard's 370ft cutter Gal latin rode the swell. Two smaller cutters patrolled the so-called "goal line" estab-lished by the US to avoid the risk of further clashes. As José Basulto's light blue Cessna — the only plane to essaie from the incident on

Cessna — the only plane to escape from the incident on February 24 — spiralled lower over the spot, about 20 nautical miles from the Cuban coast, fragments of a service read by an exiled priest came over the radio. The plane dipped to 500ft as its occupants dropped white carnations into the sea. As occupants dropped white carnations into the sea. Mr Basulto, the founder of the Brothers to the Rescue ex-ile group, allowed himself a moment's grim humour.

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"That concludes the cere-mony," he said. "We are now Cuba's coast] and heading south." A startled journalist, half convinced the Bay of Pigs veteran was about to repeat earlier breaches of Cuban air-

space, sought confirmation. "I guess that was just to scare you guys," Mr Basulto admitted, smiling. It was a different Mr

Basulto who, with perhaps 60,000 others, stood just a couple of hours later at a memo rial service in the Orange Bowl stadium, Miami, his face now crumpled with grief. The Orange Bowl occupies a unique place in the memory

of Cuban exiles. It was here that John F Kennedy apolo-gised for the 1961 Bay of Pigs débâcle, when his refusal to commit his air force to the US-backed invasion of Cuba condemned it to failure. This time it was Madeleine Albright, Washington's am-bassador to the United

Nations, who had volunteered to speak on behalf of Presi-dent Bill Clinton.

She declared that it was "because we have told the truth that [the Cuhan presi-dent, Fidel] Castro has been

Castro has been

tried and convicted in the court of world

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tried and convicted in the court of world opinion for his outrageous - and brutal

ontrageous - and brutal crime." Already a somewhat unlikely hero to Cuban eriles for her forthright statements on the attack — including the memorable "that was not cojones (halls), that was cow-ardice" — she further en-deared herself by revealing her own background as a Czech refugee. With the US basking in the unusual position of occupying the moral high ground over Cuba, the text of an interview with President Castro by Time

with President Castro by Time magazine, released earlier in the day, did little for the com-

munist leader's image. Asked why, if it was true the Brothers' planes had violated Cuban airspace, they had not simply been forced

down. Dr Castro said it was very difficult. We have tried it with drug traffickers and lost some of our planes." The assertion was hard to reconcile with Saturday's image of the fragile Cessnas. In the absence of further violence, the crisis seems likely to recede, although it will leave in place a US eco-nomic embargo both tightened and enshrined in law.

For Mr Basulto, the way forward is clear. "A new phase must now begin — the organisation of non-violent clandestine cells throughout the island." he told journalsts on Saturday. It was the Brothers' dona-tion of several thousand dol

lars to the recently-formed coalition of internal opposi-tion groups known as the Cuban Council — as President Castro confirmed to Time magazine - that had contributed to the decision to

what these people are doing was intolerable." Dr Castro said. "They were giv-ing money and paying the bills of the dissidents." But rather than spark ma

civil disobedience, the imme-diate effect of the crisis has been a further crackdown on the opposition within Cuba. "Each leader of the Cuban Council now has two plain-clothes members of state security outside the door," said Sebastian Arcos, the Council's representative in

Miami. Some Cuban dissidents are less than convinced by Mr Basulto's strategy. "They are putting lives at risk, and the ones who pay are us, here at the mercy of the govern-ment," said Vladimiro Roca. There is certainly no evi

dence to support the confident predictions of the Cuban

consolable . . . Mirta Costa, the mother of one of the four lost Brothers to the Rescue pilots, weeps at the Orange Bowl

Political frustration fails to halt the casting of nets

Behind the lines

ety, and they tell people how terrible we are — but they don't tell people that we put food on the table." Maine's fishermen will spend Super Tuesday on their boats, lan Katz

One reason that the fisher men traditionally have been less concerned about conservation than ousiders is that

Turkish rivals form secular coalition "I am doing this because I don't believe Welfare coming Motherland and the True mous pressure from the secu-lar establishment contributed Chris Nuttali in Ankara Path have fought for the cen-

counted, the coalition has

more than 90 seats -- a 44-seat

majority over Labour - in

the 148-seat House of Repre-

doubt, including that of Kim

Beazley, the anointed succes-sor to Mr Keating.

ard, aged 56, a powerful man-date for his radical reforms in

the areas of tax, industrial

relations and privatisation.

He will be sworn in later this

The republic, a key per-sonal initiative of Mr Keat-

ing, is already on the back burner. Mr Howard is an avowed constitutional

Malcom Turnbull, founder of the Australian republican

be harder to replace the Brit-ish monarch with an Austra-

lian president by the year

2000 deadline. "While Mr Howard has said

he has an open mind on it, he will need a lot more convinc-

ing," he said. The Australian Council of

Trade Unions warped that, in

the absence of the prices and

ent, said it would now

monarchist.

The majority gives Mr How

Eight seats are still in

ntatives in Canberra.

to power is good for Turkey," she said, "especially with its very different ideas on how to URKEY'S two main secular parties formed a historic coalition yesterrule the state." To keep the two leaders

day to deny power to the pro-Islamic Welfare Party. A coalition protocol was signed by the leader of the from tearing the coalition apart with their squabbling. Mrs Ciller is expected to retire to the backbenches True Path Party, Tansu Ciller, and her counterpart in until the end of the year.

tre ground since they were founded, after the 1960 miliary coup. by the late Turgut Ozal and the president, Suley man Demirel. Both are pro-Western centre-right parties with similar programmes, but they have been rivals because

tional values. The new coalition aims to strengthen ties of personality clashes be-tween their leaders. They with the West and continue a programme of aconomic will rotate the prime minis-ter's office for the first time. He will occupy the post first and Mrs Ciller will succeed by the first election victory of It will be a minority governan Islamic party in the 73nent, 15 seats short of an overall majority. But the year history of the secular republic. eader of the Democratic Left Welfare fell well short of an overall majority in parliament, but seemed close to forming a government with Motherland last month. Enor- With other secular parties its renewal.

tacitly supporting the coali-tion. Welfare may be alone in to the breakdown of the talks opposition.

Western governments and investors will breathe more and the revival of centre-right welfare had promised to easily with Welfare excluded from power. It had threatened redirect the country towards the Islamic world and tradito re-negotiate a trade deal with the European Union and reassess Turkey's Nato membership. It could still force the removal of British, French their base in southern Turkey at the end of the month. The mandate for Operation Provide Comfort, supporting Party, Bulent Ecevit, has promised his 75 MPs will ab-expires then. MPs from secular parties are threatening to join Welfare in voting against

ELECTION USA

 O THE untrained eye, the crates of twitching, transluscent prawns being hauled from the deck of the Sirius look like a study in abundance

But Edward Thorb Jornson does not see it that way. He is thinking of the processing plant that used to stand where two refrigerated lorries now wait, and the flotilla of fishing bosts that used to pull up to the wharf nightly to disgorge their load. can and cannot catch.

There must have been 40 boats shrimping out of here 25 years ago," he said. "Now maybe there are 15."

lt's a familiar refrain in fishing villages along the over-fished coastlines of Europe and the United States but in Maine, a state renowned for its productive waters, it has suddenly been invested with a special poignancy. Drastic new restrictions aimed at protecting crit-ically low fish stocks threaten

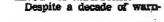
to wipe out much of the state's oldest industry. "We're in a very pivotal po-sition right now," said Robin Alden, the state's commissioner for marine resources. "A lot of people are going to be put out of business

Alarmed by a precipitous fall in the populations of so-called groundfish such as cod, haddock and flounder, the federal government has insisted on accelerating a reduction in the amount of fishing which, by 1998, will halve the number of days fish-

ermen can put to sea. They will also be barred from fishing in certain areas and new rules will govern the type of nets they can use.

Now it's just a question of who survives and who doesn't," says Garry Hatch, who has fished in the area for 25 years. By a brutal irony, Maine's

8,000 lobster fisherman, whose catch accounts for almost half of the state's fishing revenue, have never had it better.



writes in Port Clyde supply and demand have always seemed to compensate them for their diminishing

ings from the scientists that they are dangerously overcatche "In 1977 I might have harvesting, catches continue to increase. "It's boom time landed 3,000 to 4,000lb a week and got \$1.95 (£1.20) a pound for them," said John Higgins, who fishes for scallops. "Now for the lobster industry," said Ms Alden. "And nobody can

tell us why." The failure of scientists to I might get 700 to 800lb, but Fil get \$6.00 a pound - so it kind of makes up." When one species became uneconomic, fisherman simexplain the profusion of daine lobsters is one reason its fishermen feel so ambiva-lent about the men and by moved on to another. In women with fancy degrees who try to tell them what they

At a gathering of Maine fishermen last week, one oldtimer defended scientific research as a tool the fishermen could use in their own

defence. But another sneered: 80 miles MAINE

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The fishermen are unani-mous though in condemning the Washington bureacracy in charge of protecting fisheries. "They don't have a clus

about what really goes on and they're just for big business,"

said Mr Hatth, aged 42. The only people Mr Hatch cares for less than the officials from the National doubts many of his fellow fisherman will bother to vote Marine Fisheries Service are the recreational anglers who pour into the state every summer complaining that the

commercial fishermen have ruined their sport.

the early 1990s, hundreds of scallop and lobster fishermen learnt to dive and went hunting for the bristly sea urchins whose roe was prized by Japa-

nese gournets. With the roe fetching up to \$100 a pound at auction in Tokyo, divers could earn thousands of dollars a day. But, already, catches of the once common creatures are failing off and scientists are predicting that urchin stocks

government was swept out of could soon he wined out. Sipping from a can of Budwelser as his son's boat putters up to the wharf, Mr Keating's plans to lead Labour to a sixth term were Thorb Jornson, aged 56, reflects on how the industry wiped out after just 90 min utes of counting showed a thas changed. They used to haul up thou-

the conservative Liberal-National Party Coalition. sands of tons of redfish, but these days you could go for days without catching one. Mr Keating's defeat signals uncertainty over the future of Frank O'Hara, the last com-Australia's economic and cul tural push into Asia, and the mercial fisherman in Rockland, a few miles up the jag-ged coast, has just moved his boats to Alaska implementation of controver-sial aboriginal native land title laws. Trade unions warned the

Thankfully, it has been a good year for shrimp. But now, there are rumours of Winston Howard, that the new limits on shrimping too. agreement which had guaran Every new fishery you go to teed industrial peace during Labour's tenure was dead. gets squeezed and pretty soon

you got no place to go," said Mr Thorb Jornson. Although the frustration with the federal government echoes one of this year's most most popular political themes, Mr Thorb Jornson

in tomorrow's Republican primary. "It doesn't seem to make much difference who gets in,"

"They have all these lobby groups like the Audebon Soci-a day's fishing."

So the GP's current plea to be left alone stands as much chance as penicillin against a mutant superbug.

Mark Lawson page 9

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Yilmaz. It came exactly 10 weeks after they were run-ners-up to Welfare in the genral election.

Christopher Zinn in Sydney

A becoming a republic by the year 2000 were upset yesterday when the Labour

The prime minister Paul

swing of almost 6 per cent to

prime minister-elect, John

Many Labour supporters

were still in shock last night,

24 hours after one of the worst

routs in the country's 95-year

federal history. A former Labour prime minister, Bob Hawke, who led

the party to four election wins, said it was the end of an

era. Referring to Mr Keating.

he said: "His problem has

been one of remoteness, aloof

More than a third of

Labour's MPs and cabinet

ministers lost their seats as

floating voters decided the

time was right for a change.

But an expelled Labour ren-egade, Graeme Campbell, was

returned to Kalgoorlie as an

independent with an in-

creased majority. Summing up the mood of many observ-

ers, the outback MP said: "I

don't believe people were vot-ing for the Liberal Party, I be-

lieve they were voting against Paul Keating."

It was a serious reversal of

fortune for Labour, with

which Britain's Tony Blair

has close links. In the 1980s, it

ness, arrogance."

ower after 13 years.

USTRALIA'S hopes of

Mrs Ciller said she was him in 1997, before handing the post back in 1999. Negotiamaking a sacrifice in reaching an agreement with her rival for leadership of the centions between them broke down twice over who would be prime minister first. re-right.

Australia votes Rebels ignore leaders' order to free hostages **Keating out**

Now New South Wales is its John Aglionby in Jakarta sole remaining stronghold. With most of the vote

Stages, including four Britons, in Indonesia's remote Irian Jaya province have refused to free them despite being ordered to do so by their leaders in exile. The rift within the Free Papua Movement (OPM) emerged after leaders in Sydney sent a letter to Kel-ly Kwalik, the rebel leader holding the hostages, saying that the movement's goal of attracting international attention to their cause had been achieved,

according to a source close to the rescue operation. "The target of attracting international attention bas been met. There is no need to hold the hostages any longer. They are not our targets," the letter said. The OPM is campaigning

for independence for Irlan Java, the western half of the island of New Guinea, which was ceded to Indonesia in 1963 under a United Nations-sponsored deal. Mr Kwalik refused to

comply with the order be- cal researc cause he distrusts the indo- January 8.

nesian army and is afraid of retaliation by soldiers on Irianese tribespeople after he releases his captives, the source said. Several suspected OPM members have been shot by the army in Irian Jaya in the past year. Last Friday, Bartholomens Magal. an Irianese tribal chief, accused the army of harassing his people. "The military have tortured and beaten our people and accused us of supporting the OPM. I don't know why they kill young men and arrest many people in that belief," be The source said Mr Kwa-

lik would only release the hostages if ordered to do so by the OPM's supreme leader, who lives in neighbouring Papus New Guinea. He added that Mr Kwalik's refusal to comply with the letter means hopes | officer of the Meteorology are fading of a speedy con-clusion to the crisis.

The captives include Cambridge University graduates Daniel Start, Bill Oates, Anna McIvor and Annette van der Kolk. They were undertaking biologi-cal research when seized on

Indonesian army spokes men are refusing to comment on the letter or when the captives might be released. They maintain they will not bow to terrorism, but promise to free the hostages by peaceful means.

Representatives from the International Committee of the Red Cross made what is believed to be their ninth visit to Mr Kwalik yester day, in an attempt to mediate on behalf of the Indonesian army. A doctor who examined the bostages on Thursday said they were healthy but thin.

 A strong earthquake hit Irian Jaya province yester day, where at least 105 people were killed in an earthquake last month. There were no immediate reports of damage or casu-alties, Muhammad Said, an and Geophysics Agency, said.

The earthquake, which struck at 9.41am local time with a preliminary magni-tude of 6.1, was centred about 50 miles east of Biak Island. Biak was battered by tidal waves after the earthquake last month.



on policies which the Labour held power in most states. Party has created," he said.

the "whole symphony". Unions threatened industrial action after Mr Howard promised to privatise a third of the telecommunications giant, Telstra, to pay for his environment package. Mr Keating accused Mr Howard of stealing Labour's policies on health, education and employment. "They have not won on the

policies they had in the 1980s and early 1990s. They've won

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The hammer of Hamas

Can Peres save the peace?

THE BLOOD WAS drenched miserably by the pouring rain yesterday in Jaffa Road: has the peace process also been washed away? The effect of two bombs is much been washed away? The effect of two bomos is much more than double that of one. It indicates a state of hostilities which has instantly provoked — as it was no doubt calculated to do — an unprecedented array of Israeli measures amounting in turn to a declaration of war. Hamas's offer of a truce has to be seen in this sceptical light. Whether or not there are more bombs, both the peace process and the chance of Labour's re-election are now in grave risk.

election are now in grave risk. Shimon Peres has been forced by the bombers into reacting in a manner previously out of character, he has become... Yitzbak Rabin. Mr Rabin always stressed has become... YIIZHAK RADIN. WI RADIN always sitessed the primacy of "security" even when this seriously delayed the agreed peace timetable. Now Mr Peres himself is obliged to declare that the war against Hamas will have "the highest and most unequivocal priority" — a statement with the unmistakeable ring of Rabin. Any advance now in the peace process — in particular, the transition to "final stage" negotiations — is now almost certain to be suspended even at the level of informal contact. The cabinet's new commitment towards a policy of "separation" of the Israeli popula-tion from the Palestinian population of the West Bank and Gaza also echoes the severely partitionist outlook of Mr Rabin. It implies reviving the various schemes for physical barriers to keep the two communities apart even though these have been judged impracticable. Worse still, it amounts to a declaration that Palestinians and Jews are not now regarded as capable of living together. If this is more than a temporary reaction to the bombing, it is a devastating blow to any attempt at bridge-building between the two communities and any real spirit of trust.

Yasser Arafat is now caught between the hammer of Hamas and the Israeli anvil — a position he has desperately tried to avoid. Whether he could have done more is a matter for debate: in all probability, if he bad adopted tougher measures before towards Hamas, they would simply have raised the stakes earlier. In fact Israel never delegated complete responsibility for deal-ing with Hamas and the other militant groups to deal-Arafat, only asking him to "do his part". The situation is now made worse by the Israeli cabinet's decision to authorise the army to engage "sources of Hamas activity" wherever it may think fit. This implies free license to take reprisal action in towns already under the control of Mr Arafat's Palestinian Authority providing fresh ammunition for Hamas.

The outrage and anguish of ordinary Israelis can be easily imagined. So can the danger that this second bomb may bring electoral victory closer for Likud and the deeply opportunistic Binyamin Netanyahu. The burden of Likud's extremist connections --- underlined when Mr Rabin was shot down — has already been lightened by the first bomb: the second may give Mr Netanyahu a disastrous advantage for Israel and for peace. Mr Peres has to counter this threat as well as that of the bomb. But he must somehow do so while



Letters to the Editor Ron Davies, prince among men Why Australia elects to keep its emotional ties with Britain

ON DAVIES' remarks believes that when she was in trouble in her own party in 1990 she planned to survive by calling a general election. Nei-ther parliament nor her cabi-

Almost all Tory MPs on monarchy. Almost all Tory MPs bene-fit from the royal favours of knighthoods, invites to gar-den parties or the prized photograph of a royal hand-shake. They guzzle greedily from the golden rivers of pat-ronage that corruptly flow from this discredited and doomed institution. Ron's questions echo those of the great majority: net could have stopped her. Only the monarch now can halt a PM acting in her or his own interests rather than those of the nation. Would Charles have sufficient strength of character to stop a future Prime Minister who was out of control? Such a task should be entrusted only to an elected head of state. The hereditary principle has no place in a modern democracy. Ending it in the House of Lords is only the start, Tony.

great majority: Should a future monarch teach his children that ani-mals can be tormented and slaughtered for fun? Paul Flynn MP. ■ Is it really essential to pro-vide vast sums of regal "hous-ing benefit" to maintain one family in seven palaces — one Newport West (Labour), House of Commons.

London SWIA 0AA. THREE cheers for Ron Davies. Why should be be silenced? It is about time the of which has 600 rooms? • Is it right that one person should spend more on her underwear than the entire annual income of a basic pen-Labour Party stopped being afraid of upsetting the ser-vants — in this case sections sioner

sioner? Why inflict on Harry and William the miserable exis-tence suffered by their father? Ex-Tory MP and historian Robert Rhodes James argues that the personality of the present Queen avoided a con-tinuation of Thatcher rule. He of the media and, presumably the electorate — and debated the issue of monarchy seri-ously and sensibly. Anthony A Deane. 10 Spriggs House, Canonbury Road, London N1 2A.J.

DESPITE arguments that about their head of state, serve the countryside, public privilege. Jane Barder. London SW18. opinion is rapidly swinging in favour of animal rights, and the Prince ignores this at his peril, particularly when encouraging his two young FIND Tory reasoning rather confusing. They bay for the resignation of a Shadow Cabinet Minister for disapproving publicly of the Prince. However, they do not consider the misleading of Parliament by Cabinet Minis-ters to be a resigning matter. sons to hunt and shoot.

If current trends continue. "blood sports" will be a far greater cause of disapproval than adultery. Divorce will shortly resolve one issue, but the continuing participation by Prince Charles and his sons in hunting and shooting will provide ample scope for further criticism, and under-mine his otherwise admirable

projects. A M S Hutton-Wilson. Priory Cottage. Evercreech, Somerset BA4 6HX.

HE row over Ron Davies' remarks points up the fact that there is no respectable forum in which the representatives of the British people can express opinions about their head of state. It is particularly galling, on the weekend of the Australian elections, that their younger democracy, based so heavily

87 West End, on our own, can apparently be trusted to debate views March. Cambridge PE15 SDJ.

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republic debate in Australia is about these links. Neither view is correct. It is true that the 1986 Aus-tralia Act severed all consti-tutional links between Aus-tralia and Britain. Australia results. D C Goss is a completely independent country and the Queen of Australia is a different legal

personality from the Queen of the United Kingdom. But, despite the severing of our con-stitutional links in 1986, the number of visitors between our two countries has in-creased some 50 per cent and is now approaching the mil-lion mark a year lion mark a year.

WE might learn from the British Red Cross who, at short notice, substituted Cilla Black for their fund-Australia has risen from Australia has risen from about sixth or seventh in in-vestment in the United King-dom to number three, ahead of Japan, Germany and France. The UK has passed Japan to regain the position of second biggest investor in Australia. Relations remain good and I would disagree that the British reputation in Australia is low. raiser in place of the emotion-ally exhausted Princess of Wales. In doing so, they have demonstrated what we have suspected, that the royals are now just a branch of show biz, and their functions can be performed just as well, and much more cheaply, by trained professionals. Australia is low. Nor is the republican de-

A Country Diary

YOUR article (A town like Elizabeth, February 29) leaves the impression that Australian-British links over-all have declined and that the orthonic delayed in Australian for out of five Australians favoured an Australian national as head of state. But I would imagine a similar poll held in any country would yield similar

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AT LEAST some of the ap-mention are due to Austra-lian dislike of pompous privilege, on the one hand, and British annoyance at Australian brashness on the other. And, while Britain still in large part appeals to the heart, republican America ap-

peals to the head - not least through almost instant US armed support as Britain's Pacific defence plans col-lapsed when Japan entered the war, leaving Australia isolated. Len Clarke. 1 Middle Road

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that the door marked peace is still left open HE alleged interest of the

Left out down under

An era ends in Australia - and Spain

TWO SOCIALIST governments that have long been part of the world political equation disappeared this weekend. In Australia on Saturday, Paul Keating's Labor administration was swept away after 13 years in office. Then last night Felipe González's socialist coalition lost power after a 14-year reign in Spain. Both Keating and González had been lucky to survive last time their countries went to the polls in 1993. Both have now been firmly ejected three years later, as almost all the forecasts had long predicted. Nevertheless, for Australia and for Spain important eras have ended.

Although Spain is Britain's partner in the European Union, most people in this country probably know more about the situation in Australia. This is partly because of our historic ties, but it is also because Australian Labor's success under Bob Hawke and Mr Keating has been seen as a model for the reinvention of the British Labour Party. That model remains relevant in spite of Saturday's conclusive defeat. The ALP's key achievement was to know what it wanted and to take the long view about achieving it. It managed to balance liberal economics with equitable social policies at a time when global orthodoxy said this was impossible. It recognised the need for partnership with trade unions when that was out of fashion too. It put itself at the forefront of modern thinking in many fields, fiercely supporting native Australian rights, launching a cultural policy which is the envy of the world, and setting Australia on a course which could still make the nation a republic, in spite of Labor's defeat. There is much there for us to learn from, providing that Tony Blair allows his party to discuss it.

Like 20th century Australia, 20th century Spain has a long socialist pedigree. Just as in Australia, the left in Spain has always been indisputably the modernising force in that country's politics. That has been particu-larly true of the González era, which has comprised 14 of the 19 years of Spain's post-Franco democracy. The socialists have presided over the economic transformation of Spain, its reintegration into European and world structures, the historic devolution of power to the provinces and, above all, the transition from fascism to democracy, ironically under a constitutional monarchy. The fact that the right's victory last night causes few of the tremors which it would have provoked 20 years ago is part of the achievement.

Many will conclude that the simultaneous defeats of two of the world's more resilient left-wing governments of modern times underline a wider crisis for socialism elsewhere. That view should not be dismissed out of hand. It is true, for example, that both Keating and Gonzalez had increasing difficulty persuading their blue collar constituencies to accept the costs of liberal economic restructuring - with political consequences we now see. It is also true that both governments have become discredited by political scandal, though more in Spain than in Australia. Yet these problems are not unique to socialist governments. A more obvious explanation for the double defeats is simply that voters were ready for a change. It is very difficult to win re-election after being in power for more than a decade. British Tories should remember that before they crow.

American operator Duke Power in purchasing British nuclear plants highlights the enormous differences between the UK and the US arrangements for third party liability following a major ac-cident (Sell-off raises safety margin fears, February 24). In the UK the entire industry has to insure itself for an upper limit of only £140 mil-lion. In the US, each reactor must have cover for £180 million. Compared with the US, the UK is therefore grossly under-insured. A nice little advantage for American shareholders at the expense

Nuclear risk

of the UK public. The Government should be asking the insurance industry to make a proper assessment of the risks and to calculate the premiums

accordingly. Fiona Hall Bridget Gubbins. Druridge Bay Campaign, Tower Buildings, Oldgate, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1PY.

FOR THESE EUROUSION Th STEREDTYPES. SONG EMTEX

Soaps do the dirty on the Irish

N THE current uncertain- English press — "a soft irish ties between Ireland and accent". Northern Irish viewfixed thing: the portrayal of the Irish in English TV soaps. Jim MacDonald, the lovel Bol the psychopath who beat up chips are down, he's Irish too his wife and abused his this week he beats his English daughter, was Irish. So, of wife Liz to pulp. course, was his sister, the bit- Adrian Kenny. ter witch.

In Coronation Street, Carmel, the unbalanced, malevo-lent namy, was Irish. And in the Street last week, the idiot the Street last week, the idiot rogue who exorcised the ghost too spoke in - to use We may edit letters: shorter that phrase beloved by the ones are more likely to appear.

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of safety net is this? Josephine Webb. Webare State Programme,

4 Kingsland Parade. Portobello, Dublin. Please include a full postal

benefits system based largely on social insurance principles towards a residual system relying on means tests (Ministers aim to keep £2bn un claimed benefits in secret plan to cut "luxuries", March 1). This was justified on the grounds that scarce resources should be "bargeted on those in need". Now "those in need" are to be deprived of the ser-vices which enable them to claim their benefits. What sort

NDER the Tories, we have

Umoved away from the

LSE, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE. February 28) to say that the Government's four-year-long

obstruction of my Civil Right (Disabled Persons) Bill was spent "listening" to disabled people makes William Waldegrave seem like a slave to linguistic precision. Alf Morris MP. House of Commons.

THE LAKE DISTRICT: They floods as well as blizzards of said the winter of 1962-63 was exceptional ferocity. All over one of the hardest Britain has the fells that winter, and ever had to endure but, in throughout the summer, you would come across the sad remains of sheep that had these parts, it was nothing like so severe as the winter of 1946-47. Enjoying the snow on Fairfield the other day and perished in the snow although many, buried some-times for a fortnight or wishing I'd brought my skis, I remembered those early longer, were recovered alive. months of 1947 that carried off Sheep overblown by snow are something like two million sheep and lambs nationwide and brought many Lakeland not in any immediate danger and, if found before too long by the shepherd and his dogs, are usually none the worse farmers to the verge of despair. This was the winter when a railway engine was for their adventure. The worst months for the farmers were February and buried for weeks near Barras and they said that, by Easter Monday April 7, there was station in north Westmorland and they had to call out the just no pasture anywhere for the few sheep that had es-caped. Yet by Whit Monday, troops to clear the railway cuttings. Driving over Shap Fells one day, I remember seeing the tops of the tele-graph poles just peeping above the great banks of snow farmers had never seen it at the side of the road. Once or twice I went down to my grow so fast - and the month went out in a blaze of heat. There were still snow patches on the fells in June office in Kendal on skis; the snow was too deep for walk-ing. That grim winter was but it was the bottest for 100 preceded by a dismal autumn harvest and accompanied by years.

A HARRY GRIFFIN

Gerry Adams is part of the Troubles

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley part of the time an elective dictatorship, but there are a lot of those about. It is abso-stor of those about. It is abso-**************** HY, I wonder, do we work so hard to polish Gerry Ad-ams' already gleaming ego. The easy lead independent countries. answer — offered out of habit and without much thought — is that the president of Sinn Makarios, Mugabe and Kenyatta spoke for whole nations of subject people who - being Fein is a potential influence for peace. Two bombs in as denied the vote - had no choice but to challenge their many weeks suggest that, if he is arguing for an end to oppressors by force of arms. Northern Ireland is a democ violence, nobody in the IRA is racy which rejects the idea of listening. Meanwhile, by treating him as if he is unity with the south. It is democracy that creates Adams' essential to a permanent problem. For he leads - or at settlement, we glorify and glamorise intransigence, least he fronts - the fringe party which De Valera (the father of the Irish Republic) bigotry and extremism. Long ago, I was taught that terrorabandoned. And it does not ists had to be detached from even attract majority support the decent people who give them misguided support. Adamongst Northern Ireland's Republican minority.

ams unites sentimental I share Adams' view that freland should never have Republicans with the pathological killers who think that been divided and must be reunited. But the attempt to impose that policy on reluc-tant Loyalists by blowing up living rooms. murder is part of a political process. Every time he visits America or meets civil servants, the idea that Ireland | innocent civilians is not an

gets a new lease of life. Ireland, although wrongly partitioned, has been free for 70 years — admittedly for mands for troop withdrawal with the emolient assurance that most now remain in bar racks, some have returned to Britain and many more soon will. It sounds as if Gerry Ad-ams is a participant in the other logical absurdities Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction Talks, not the which ought to be knocked on the head. Chief amongst them is Sinn spokesman for the political wing of an organisation Fein's response to demands for the surrender of IRA arms whose military cadres send - a question which would be gullible young men on Lonless stupid if it were only rhedon buses carrying bombs. torical. When, they ask, are the British forces going to The suspicion that the IRA had got politically above itself contribute to the peace pro-- whilst remaining morally cess by leaving Northern Ire-land? The proper reply to that beneath contempt - was con-firmed by an item in last Fridemand for reciprocation day's television news. The terrorists on one side and mil-Government, a young report itary "in aid of the civil power" on the other - is: ter said, is anxious not to

push its arguments too far, in "don't be silly". The troops are there at the will of an case, when a compromise was reached, the murder squads elected government and their regarded it as "loss of face" presence is legitimised by the and thought that amour-proapproval of a representative pre requires them to start killparliament. The army has ing people again. There canmade mistakes, but it is not to be compared with thugs in balaclava helmets who shoot

not be much point in trying to negotiate - which means reason - with men whose off-duty policemen in their warped personalities impel them to commit indiscrimi-Yet I have heard the Secre- nate murder so that they will

We should not hesitate to

talk to them if talking seems likely to produce the desired result. But in the case of Gerry Adams and Sinn Fein, we may have reached the point where talking does more harm than good. No doubt, several times last year, John Major sacri-ficed the chance of lasting peace in order to curry favour with the Ulster Unionists and won their tacit support for his dying government by divert-ing the peace process towards the destination of their choice. But only one sort of men res-pond to political machinations by planting a bomb which kills two innocent newsagents. The sort who will always turn to violence when they do not get their own way and are therefore not worth

talking to.

corded to John Hume -- the man who kept the hope of peace alive and, by his dogged daring, fought on for hope to be made a reality while the rest of us despaired. The sensible course is simply to take his advice. If, whilst the IRA and Sinn Fein prevaricate, the Prime Minister agreed to hold the peace poll that John Hume suggests, where would that leave Gerry Adams? The people of Northern Ire-land would vote for a ceasefire

by a huge majority. And the negotations for a lasting settlement could begin - attended by all those political parties which had campaigned for peace during the referendum. Lions would lie down with lambs and only jackals would be excluded. Gerry Adams would have to choose between speaking up for decency and By giving so much publicity being relegated to the status of

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and apparent power to their anachronism. He would end chief apologist - coffin-carhis posturing on the Falls rier to one of the Shankhill Road bombers who blew him-self up whilst murdering chil-Road under the wall painting of Bobby Sands and it would put him in the proper histori-cal perspective. More impordren in a fish and chip shop queue — we may well be hold tant, it would permanently deing the peace process back, tach him from the decent We are certainly diminishing people of Ireland.

unfree will never be at pasce activity which stands much tary of State for Northern Ire be treated with greater the importance which is ac gets a new lease of life. comparison with the cam- land answer to Sinn Fein de respect. corded to John Hume - the

Riga Diary David Hearst

HE FIRST thaws are breaking the hold of a hard winter on the art nouveau facades of Riga. It's a perilous time for all. Cars slew around streets wheel-deep in melting snow. Ici-cles, clustered in gothic chandeliers on the onceproud German balconies, come crashing down without warning. Wooden poles casually

laid on the pavement mark the spot of the last ice fall, but it's every Latvian or Rus sian for himself. The groud architecture of this Baltic port is frozen in time. This is one city in the north-east corner of Europe whose Ortho-dox cathedrals were not blown up by the Nazis, whose centre was not carpet bombed by the RAF, or levelled by the advancing Red Army. It still has cobbled 18th-century courtyards, pubs, hole-in-the-wall cafes.

It must have been what the Hanseatic port down the road, Koenigsburg, now named Kaliningrad, looked named Kaliningrad, look like before its city centre was levelled by British bombers. No Prussian de-fenders fought house to house to defend Riga from the advancing Red Army. The fabric is still intact. It's the people who bare the worst scars of the last 50 years of gruesome history. Cyrillic notices have been chiselled off the public face of Riga, but you can still see their shadow on the side of the railway station. The city has been aggressively de-sovietised, since indepen-dence, but over half its in-habitants are ethnic Rus-

sians, Belarussians, Ukrain-ians, Jews, for whom the Lai-vian language has become a trial of citizenship from which they are excluded. A cultural apartheid is being practised by a coali-tion government formed

kicked out — and from lib-eral nationalists who, under the gaise of integration with the European Union and Nato, want them phased out. Six years ago, in those

heady days of independence, when Moscow was a common enemy, the city was alive with cultural dissi-dents. It had thriving rock groups. It staged the first blues festival in the Soviet Union, the first heavy metal festival, and in 1989 they even organised a Rock for Independence concert. B B King, James Brown, Willy Dixon all lent a hand.

On the wall of The Saxophone club is the King Ca-nute verdict of the Soviet censor, sitting on the shores of the Baltic trying to stop the waves of Western im-ports. On B B King's lyrics,



Commentary

Mark Lawson

................ AST week, Britain's general practitioners began an advertising campaign intended to discourage vexatious consul-tations and trifling night calls. They have observed a growing epidemic in Britain of imagined illness and body paranoia. Doctors are sup-posed to be good at diagnosis and the observation of symp-toms, so perhaps they should

have noticed that the likeliest cause of the rash of call-outs was clearly on display last week. The seven days in which they launched their campaign comprised both Male Health Awareness Week and Tinni-tus Awareness Week. It is a perfect conflict of opinions: dectors attempting to bolk the doctors attempting to bolt the surgery door at the exact mo-ment that the media encour-age another march on it. Doctors are wrong in their belief that the patients lengthening their days and shortening their nights are suffering from hypochondria. They are stricken with Awareness. If the nineties could be snapped like a stick of rock.

one of the words written through its middle — along with "counselling" — would diagnosed sufferers who

undoubledly be "awareness". merely need to turn down Yet to come this month are Worm Awareness Week (in-packet of catarrh tablets from testinal infestation in pets, rather than humans) and National Continence Day,

while the entire 31 days apparently form Vegetarian Pledge Month, in which we will be encouraged to swear off meat. The big morning question is no longer "What will I wear today?" but "What will I be aware of?" It is also clear that the

awareness industry is becoming ever slicker at promotion. Last week's tinnitus cam-Last week's initials cam-paign was sponsored by BBC Radio 3, apparently because it is an aural disorder particu-larly distressing to musi-cians. This new phenomenon of branded health campaigns raises the prospect of Groin Strain Awareness Week on Sky Sports, while the Discov-ery channel, with its pen-chant for undersea documenof Awareness. taries, could host Decompression Sickness So the GPs' current plea to be left alone stands about as

much chance as penicillin against a mutant superbug. A recurrent theme of the the Male Health Awareness Week - based around a series of BBC2 shows about clogged ar-teries, bloated prostates, floppy penises and unpeopled semen - was that blokes are semen — was that mokes are far too slow to see the quack. Similarly, timitus is a pain-ful allment, but it is almost inevitable, after last week's radio exhortations, that GPs

Today programme. Why, though, is the average person so susceptible to

the chemist There are two main reasons for the current serious outbreak of Awareness. The first is a kind of general optimism, at least among the liberal es-tablishment, in the improvability of humans. We are led to believe that, with the right kind of medical treatment or

counselling, minds can be purged of sexism or racism or agiesm, while bodies need no longer suffer impotence or tinnitus or incontinence. Eventually every "ism" and "itis" should be avoidable. This phenomenon follows from the large financial grants available, through but 'What will I both private and public funds, to charities, councils, research bodies, groups or, indeed, the Department of Health itself, a keen promoter

In turn, these numerous organisations benefit from the second contributory factor to the high current inci-dence of Awareness: the vast increase in media outlets, particularly on radio and television. This air-space needs to be filled but — because the very idea of "news" implies something topical and urgent - there needs to be a reason why a Monday story is going out on Monday. Incontinence or tinnitis would, in normal circumstances, be "timeless" (media slang for "useless"), but the declaration of a Day or Week gives them a foothold on the lower slopes of news



nonnering his "total war" on Hamas, he is resorting in ap-parent desperation to the long contemplated policy of com-plete and permanent "separa-tion" of Israel from the West Bank and Gaza. That is bad and contradictory enough. But, perhaps worse still, he is demanding of Arafat in the neace nuccess the kind of

peace process the kind of action against his own people

which could break him. Since he established himself in Gaza, Arafat has under-

in Gaza, Aradat has under-taken campaigns of repression against Islamic militants which have earned him con-timuous reproaches from Pal-estinian, international and even Israeli human rights organisations. He has made bimself the object of hatred at

himself the object of hatred at

least as fierce as that which

Peres has earned from his

own extremists. When his police killed two activists in

their homes, sympathisers

staged demonstrations calling for his blood.

Yet even before yesterday's mayhem, both Israelis and

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Complete Family Medical En-cylopaedia at random, I dis-cover Minamata Disease, a form of mercury poisoning a kind of Open University medical school — is joined by cylopaedia at random, I dis-cover Minamata Disease, a form of mercury poisoning from fish, first spotted in an avoidability culture. Japan. By playing on modern ecological concerns - the poi-Forget Peps and Tessas: try to negotiate a deal where you soning results from industrial get a pound for every time the pollution of water — the dec-laration of Minamata Awarephrase "This/These tragic deaths could have been avoided" is used in public. the checkout ness Day should, at the very least, ensure an interview with John Humphries on the The motto of the modern newspaper reader or television viewer can only be: bet-ter unnecessary work for the

doctor than gainful employ-Awareness? Here, three enviment for the coroner. The third problem for docronmental factors are to plame. The first is that, while tors is a change in their social their risks and incidence may status. The Conservative health reforms, by encouragbe exaggerated by these cam-paigns, all of the conditions nearth recorns, by encourag-ing the idea of patients as "customers". logically also promote the concept of doc-tors as sales staff, people whose comfort and opinion highlighted are real. In a radio programme last week, a GP, explaining the doctors' current sod-off campaign, objected that "there are no terriare secondary to those of the buyer. Thirty or 40 years ago,

It is easy to understand the

in the social structure of most towns and villages, calling out a doctor in the middle of The big morning the night was, for the average question is no. person, as frightening as phoning up the Pope. Now, it's like summoning a longer 'What will I plumber and one who, with the NHS, costs no money. The wear today?' Government has turned sur-geries into shops and, like most shops nowadays, they're expected to be open longer

be aware of? ble diseases that weren'

around five years ago" and that "people know perfectly well by now the symptoms of the common cold and flu." To which it must be obanger of doctors, driving through cold and (their bags a junkie's paradise) often danjunkie's paradise) often dan-gerous streets to tell someone that all they need is a locenge or a hobby. But their cam-paign will fail. For children do die unnecessarily of men-ingitis and the gravevards groan with people who rolled over and said they were sure the pain in their chest was flu. jected that, pre-Awareness, people simply did not know they were around and that it is a central tenet of the flu And there is evidence - for example, the reports on dras-

tically falling sperm counts which were part of Male Health Awareness Week — that our bodies are prey to new mutations and disturbances as a result of the way we live. In the face of all that,



Ros Coward

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ST week a Sainsbury's

in it. If schools have an obvi ous need, then they are an ob-vious place to invest." All this talk of the community rallying round local schools is in stark contrast to the Government's fingering of the same schools as staffed by incompetents and failing our children. So it would be nice to think business recognises the true impor-tance (and plight) of schools.

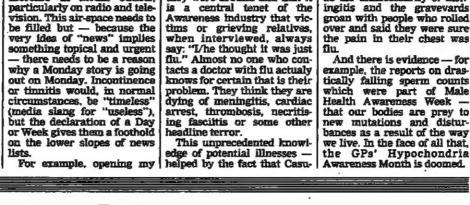
But the truth is less palat-able. Schools are being used to able. Schools are being used to woo customers, a development already causing public dis-quiet. Even more, schools rep-resent the last places where the idea of community idealised by supermarkets still exists. Most other community foci-heave been destround and

ST week a Sainsbury's cashier made the mis-take of asking me whether I had any "school-bags" to recycle. I must have looked a likely victim from the contents of my trolley. She was probably right, but for once my willingness to put my head into the yoke of any good cause abandoned me. Don't I do enough already? Here I was being asked to return a plastic have been destroyed, and supermarkets themselves have played a major part in that de-struction. Bankrupting local shops and encouraging reli-ance on cars, huge stores have being asked to return a plastic bag to collect a voucher, which undercut local communities, women are particularly af-fected; they are less likely to have cars, more likely to feel I could then pass on to some already over-burdened teacher narginalised when smaller communities disappear. Schools retain that smaller

to collect, so that she could apply for "anything from com-puters to crayons", as Sains-bury's proudly puts it. Those who run such scale community focus, and with it a readiness to engage in schemes do not expect nega-tive reactions. Good Relations, collective projects. These vesti-gal communities already rely the PR company responsible for Tesco's voucher scheme. heavily on extra work by teachers and women, espetold me that "everyone has got a real community spirit about this." Forget price wars, school cially mothers. Women predominate in fundraising, try-ing to patch the gaps where local provision has failed. voucher schemes are the hot-test thing in retail PR, and all the major companies are any Nomen involve themselves in ious to get on the bandwagon. Tesco's Computers for Schools scheme is in its fifth year, Sainsbury's re-launches attempts to improve road safety, to launch school recy-cling schemes, in short to do the additional things needed for a sense of cohesion when Schoolbags, its own version, today; Asda has just begun Best for Kida, another school society as a whole provides so little. It is precisely this con-stituency who are being ex-ploited by school voucher computer scheme. A host of other major companies like Smiths, Boots and Dixons have had promotions based on

school equipment. With such eagerness to do-nate equipment to schools, per-haps the companies should Sury's told me that they attribute part of the success of these schemes to a willingness to participate in some-thing that matters for the community. "People ask them-selves if they can be bothered to collect tokens for themjust load up a juggernaut and leave the stuff on the schools' doorsteps. But that would miss the point. This is a marketing exercise and is part of market ing budgets not charitable do-nations. Without the cumberselves, count their stack and cash them in. But if they take some lubrication of women shoppers and teachers, creatthem to schools, it's a pair way of making contribution."

anoppers and teachers, creat-ing a prolonged interaction with the company, the super-markets would not be ade-quately recognised as invest-ing in the local community. contribution." Painless? Teachers are al-ready overloaded: collecting statistics, administering SATS, juggling shrinking budgets and justifying themselves to Ofsted. Why add to the load, when supermarkets could Local community impact is now an essential part of mar-keting strategy. "The days are gone," says Alan Preece from Asda, "when we could just set make a direct contribution to local schools? Why not sponsor recovery scheme, one of the many services disappearing in the latest cuts? mink in terms of bringing something to a locality. You have to make sure you have campaigns which resonate at local level and leave a mark." The marketing and the fronted with the reality of community relations. A neglected schizophrenic with a grudge against BMW's murdered a woman in the car park. Next nity. Sainsbury's put it rather grandly: "Anyone who has business in the community has a social responsibility to invest ager with said bags, perhaps?



somol boss wro "No observations to make."

ODAY, Andrei Yahimovitch, president of the old Riga Rock Club which organised the festi-vals, and now co-manager of The Saxophone, sits in his small basement club. He is leader of rock band Cement. What counts is not the qual-ity of his music. If's the fact that he is a Russian. He has lived all his life in Riga, but now he is a non-Latvian, a on-citizen, definitely an Untermensch.

"I know that with my songs in Russian I would never have access to Latvian state TV. I can even get into the Microphone competition with a song in English. They would say: 'Please, you're welcome.' But with a Rus-

sian one, never." How does the old blues lyric go? "If you're white, that's nice. If you're black, get back ... "Russian is banned on Channel One of Latvian state TV. The second state channel must not broadcast more than 20 per cent of airtime in any foreign language. Private channels are restricted to 30 per cent.

are rock and playing them to the collective farms. They When we were playing punk, and they saw our clothes and our lyrics, like 'My father is an alcoholic', they turned around and said: 'So that's your great culture, is it?"

Latvian rock is played with a neat designer stubble, all protest carefully expanged protest carefully capturges in the need to reassert a folksy rural culture. Depeche Mode, U2, anything from the West is deemed safe. Any-thing local is banned. "Now rock festivals are organised every year, and they invite groups from Moscow, Peters burg, but not us. Many of these groups are playing such rubbish."

CHARLES DOESN'T THINK RON IS SUTABLE TO BE MELSH SECRETARY

both.

LL you need is a detonator and the territory there is for the scum willing to kill themselves. Thus did Israel's difficulty in coping flamas, he is resorting in ap-Thus did Israel's chief of staff last week sum up the virtual impossibility of with such terror have rarely been more dangerous than they are today. Last week a mob shouted at the shaken foiling the Islamist militant prepared to commit suicide prepared to commit suicide for his cause. Yet though the Isrsell authorities made little secret of their fear that, after the double atrocity of a week ago, there would be more to come, the speed and devasta-tion must have exceeded their mount frame. Peres, "You will follow Rabin". These, no doubt, were right wing fanatics but they reflected a general reversal of public sentiment that was immediately reflected in the opinion polls. Before those

worst fears. All had seemed to be going as well as could be hoped for bombings Peres had been abead of the Likud opposition by six points, but now they were neck and neck. Perhaps, the pollsters said, if there the "peace process" and Is-raeli Premier Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser were no more outrages the pendulum would swing back again. But now? Arafat, whose personal and political fortunes are so inti-

Altogether, Hamas has killed some 120 Israelis in 15 mately intertwined with it. But now both men's dreams suicide assaults since its camare turning into a nightmare. paign began. After each one Israel goes through the ritual Both, of course, desperately seek to preserve the peace proof sealing off the occupied ter-ritories. Is is both a necessary sop to Israeli opinion and a collective punishment of the cess. Like Arafat before him, Peres needs to triumph in his elections in June in order to achieve that. The trouble now is, however, that the very Palestinians. But until now it has always lifted the blockade in the end. methods which Peres must

adopt - and insist that his peace-pariner adopts too -For it knows that the Palestinians can no more tolerate an interminable closure than threaten to undermine them

their own people can the terror. But it was becoming a Peres faces a great irony. For so long as extremists on either side have the will to act, the mechanics of the peace vicious circle. Once the clo-sure is lifted it enables the process itself now assist them. The perpetrators of last week's bombings came from Hebron, still outside Arafat's control suicide bomber to infiltrate, but the longer it lasts the more it adds to the reservoir of still outside Arafat's control terrorists, because terror clearly required altogether. But the more terrifeeds, not least, on the poverty at its polititory Israel cedes to Arafat's and hardship the closure only tary wing.

That is a very tall order. | relentlessly tells Peres, the Is-Even so Arafat, recognising yesterday's bombing as a "di-saster", has promised "our coraelis only have themselves to blame.

ordination with the Israeli government in stopping this orrible terrorist activity." Polls do indeed show that an overwhelming majority of Pal-estimians oppose the terrorist strikes, largely because of the material hardships they bring in their wake. But as ever the Palestinian heart is in disagreement with the Palestinan head, and every strike is followed by unseemly rejoic-ing that extends well beyond the immediate family of the

latest "martyr". O IN such a climate

there will always be at least a minority of Palestinians with the will to go on with a terror against which as Israel's leading commenta-tors acknowledge, there is no real deterrent. And nothing, tragically, will keep that will alien some of the alive more than some of the steps which the two peace partners are now ready to take in the process. There is Peres's threat to

Americans were demanding yet more of Araiat. Hamas is much more than its military slow down the process itself; he has hinted that he may postpone the next stage, the Israeli army's withdrawal from Hebron. There is now extension. It is the whole social and religious infra-structure from which it springs, the whole climate of fervour by which it is in-spired. In requiring, as he now does, that Arafat join him above all, perhaps, there is the in his total war, Peres is clearly requiring him to strike in his total war. Peres is clearly requiring him to strike at its political as well as mili-tary wing.

For the militants are not merely at loggerheads with Arafat. They are divided,

among themselves, between the extreme and the yet more extreme. Arafat himself has made use of these divisions. In "reconciliation" talks between Ramas and his National Authority, Hamas promised a "ceasefire against the occupation authority" - provided only that Araiat "protect" their military fugitives from

the Israelis. It was the Israelis themselves who, in early January. broke this undeclared ceasefire when they booby trapped the most wanted fugitive of all, "the engineer" Yahya Ayash. The latest bombings were the inevitable, promised retaliation for that. But now the "cells of Yahya Ayash" have offered a three month cease-

fire. The price is, howeve that Israel must cease its operations against them in both Gaza and the West Bank, and Arafat must release all the military he has just imprisoned. But Arafat has already served notice that, on Israel's

behalf, he has no choice but to strike yet harder than ever. So the militants are most unlikely to let their ceasefire run its course, either against Arafat or Peres, and everyone now knows with what appar ent ease and what devastating effect even the minority of a divided minority, just one man with a detonator, can break it.

Jina everyone to come flocking in. There are so many super-markets now that we have to The marketing and PR people justify their interest in schools as having identified real need in the local commu-

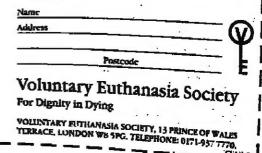


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Amour (1959), directed by Alain Resnais from a Duras script, which gave her an in-ternational reputation. During

the 1960s, she continued to pare her fiction to essentials, but with Le Ravissement de

Lol V Stein (1964) she delved

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By this time, she had wid

ened her range to include theatre and cinema and, in

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Détruire, Dit-Elle (1969).

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Marguerite Duras

Passion into prose

RGUERITE | was the film Hiroshima Mon Duras, who has died aged 81, was one of postwar France's most gifted and fiercely inde pendent creative talents. She was born Marguerite Donna-dieu in Giadinh, near Saigon in French Indo-China. As a girl, she spoke fluent Vietnamdeep into her psyche in a way which she described as emo-tionally dangerous for her. Meanwhile, she raised her po-litical profile by opposing France's Algerian policy and was an enthusiastic supporter of the student revolution in 1988 which she translated into ese and, save for occasional visits to the Gascon village of Duras (which she took as her nom-de-plume). she lived and educated in the Far East until she was 16 when she returned to France to study nathematics and law at the Sorbonne.

in 1935, she became a civil servant in the French Colonial Office. Three years later, she married the leftwing intellecmarried the leftwing intellec-tual Robert Antelme from whom she separated in 1946. Her first book, Les Impudents, result of the personal inter-vention of Raymond Queneau. By this stage of the war, she and existentialist resistance involved in communist and existentialist resistance inter-tick in the pro-abortion campaign, struck up a rewarding part-nership with Madeleine Ren-aud for whom she wrote sev-eral plays, and began making films which must count circles: on one occasion she

circles: on one occasion she among the most original and experimental uses of the me-dium since the time of the kept watch while Camus retrieved important papers from a house and claimed later to have saved the life of the then resistance fighter, Franpioneering silents. On minuscule budgets (she cois Mitterrand. After the Liberation, she remained on the edges of the smart factions, and was expelled from the Communist Party in 1949 with other "bourgeois individual-ists". It was then that she conof the rules. Her most accomplished film, India Song (1975), is an elegant, atmospheric mobilisation of persolidated her highly personal notion of total revolution hased on personal freedom. During the 1950s a series of

elliptical novels led her to be sonal experience which associated with the "new equates private tragedy with realism" movement, though it the public tragedy of suffer-



Feminist icon and symbol of uncompromising French style . . . Maguerite Duras

ing India, and shows that love and freedom are equally "im-possible" in a world where isionate involvement. Her possible" in a world where moments do not last. texts are the tips of icebergs which lurk beneath the pol-In the early 1980s, she pub-

lished a series of brief, opaque fictions which even admirers found difficult. Then, when she seemed in ished surface of her exact, understated prose. Her "texts", which are simultaneously novels, film-scripts and plays, deal in dis-embodied terms with a world of highly personal myths: the dam raised by her mother against the Pacific tides, the image of a cool, self-contained colonial adultances who sum danger of losing contact with her public, she wrote L'Amant (The Lover), a lucid evocation of her adolescence which won her not only the Prix Goncourt in 1984 but a new, young audience which warmed to her strange, "im-

used her own house for shoot-ing), she attracted stars like possible" world. She was regularly accused, even by the French, of intel-lectualism, though this is a difficult charge to substanti-Jean Moreau, Michael Lonsdale and Delphine Seyrig who were fascinated by her at-tempts to blend images and words into a coherent text. As communicated a sense of the "impossible" through incanate. Generalisations were not her style and though she regtatory symbols of sea and for-est which turn her prose into postry. But above all, she deularly expressed views, some-times wildly, to journalists, she was one of the few moda director, Duras broke most veloped the notion of eristen-tial being into a concept of the sacred which, in many ways, is the key to her work: the rational world denies those human and "communifying" values which equate the perern French writers never to publish a literary, philosophical or political manifesto. Her ideas are embedded in her unemphatic fictions, which values which equate the per-

sonal with the public. The | ously against the "betrayal" of Frenchwoman's personal tra-gedy in Hiroshima Mon Amour is qualitatively the same as the public tragedy of Hiroshima; the degradation of the lady of L'Amant is the same as that of the beggar woman. That is what the collective spirit means. Duras dealt with big subjects with passionate detach-ment. She gave the impression of never doubting herself or her purpose, and appeared secure and serene. In fact, her colonial adulteress who sym-bolises transgression, and the figure of a beggar-girl who stands for the poverty and degradation of the East. She life was never easy and her rebellious personality led her

own sons, Gerald and Regi-nald died. As the Japanese closed in on Xiangcheng, the

Guinnesses with their remain

ing son, Oswald, fled first to India then back to England.

After the war, the Guin nesses returned to China

They spent several years in

ergies, she published a last slim volume in the autumn of 1995, a kind of valediction to conflict, personality led her to conflict, personal tragedy and a drinking problem which she discussed frankly in La Vie Matérielle (1987). She wrote compulsively, "for something to do", but never lost sight of the "impossible". She survived a five-month which over-rode the pain and, reluctantly but alegantly, let go. "The impossible." she once told me, "is impossible today. But it is the history of the future." When that his-tory comes to be written, Mar-munite Durge will supply She survived a five-month coma in 1969 and published La Pluie d'été in 1990. guarita Duras will surely have a large place in it.

Despite a tracheotomy, her **David Coward**

voice, flat, hypnotic, elusive in its harmonics, was not to be Marguerite Duras, writer, born silenced. She reacted vigor-April 4, 1914; died March 3, 1996

Birthdays

Jean-Jacques Annaud's film of The Lover and rewrote the

story as she now saw it as L'Amant De La Chine Du Nord (1992), the most finished

of her late works. She remained impervious to pub-lic opinion which was some-

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Henry Guinness Audrey Angers Keeping the faith in China Scope for ENRY Guinness, died | English, Swedish and Manda- | Pearl Harbour, they moved to Guinness witne English, Swedish and Manda-rin. At 17 when he learnt of his father's death, he decided poined the China Inland Mis-sion (now OMF International) and sailed from Tilbury with 70 other new recruits. In China and and out is failed from the second se aged 87 in Kent, thou-sands of miles from charity China, the country China, the country where he was born and where he had hoped to die. to become a missionary. He joined the China Inland Mis-sion (now OMF International) The second of three children from the brewing banking and missionary family, he was born in Honan Province where his father was a pio-by playing a cornet. Guinness by playing a cornet. Guinness by playing a cornet. Guinness band sailed from Tilbury with families, many in Xiangcheng abandoned their children rescued. Hundreds of thou-sands in glaying a cornet. Guinness born in Honan Province NE DAY in 1947 Au-drey Angers, a short-hand typist with a Liv-Cerebral palsy victim, Angers **Gary Clayton**

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William Nyuon Bany Warlord of the Sudan

ince, sommerni Sudan, sym-bolised the chaos and suffering of one of the longest-lasting, least-reported African wars. He had no formal edu-ter the source of the longest-ment. Nyuon's militia discation - he was illiterate and | tanced themselves from Macould barely write his name char, apparently established — but he was a highly their own links with Kharbut he was a highly their own miles will have a series of his life he fought in the wild expanses of the hilly bushland bordering the hills's eastern bank in the lead the rebellion. extreme south of Sudan. The local people, animists or Christians, regard themselves as part of black, sub-Saharan Africa, not the Arab, Islamic north. There has been civil war for all but 10 of the 39 years since Sudanese inde-pendence, and Nyuon's cam-paigns, and his shifting allesiances were important in the south's struggle to escape the north's domination.

The current phase of Sudan's civil war started 12 years ago, when Khartoum abolished southern regional government and iniroduced Islamic sharia law in the Nyuon. Khartoum must have north, sending shudders through the Christian com-munity. It has intensified since an Islamic fundamentalist military government took control in Khartoum in 1989. The scene since then has

been complicated by a split in Colonel John Garang's rebel Sudan Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA), and the emer-gence of militias, with everchanging allegiances. The two SPLA wings seem to spend more time attacking each other than the government forces — which were happy to help militias, if this pro-longed their internecine fight-

his ambitions for the south Before his death it had eemed he might be edging towards success.

when he joined the pre-inde-pendence Sudanese army in 1956. This brought none of the benefits be'd hoped for, and he deserted to join the Anya Nya rebellion, which ended with the concessions on regional autonomy granted with the 1972 Addis Ababa

eace accord. Nyuon returned to the regu lar army, as a major, but quit again in 1983 when the cur-rent rebellion started, becoming a key member of Garang's forces. Coming from the Nuer tribe, with his base in East Equatoria province, he was a useful addition to Garang's largely Dinka support, and he

HE career of Com-mander William ang to join the new SPLA Nyuon Bany, who has been killed in his mid-sixites in Upper Nile prov-ince, southern Sudan, sym-holised the chace and Nuer Biek Machar who was For three years Garang and

Nyuon's guerrillas chased each other around southern Sudan. When I visited Nyuon's base in the remote village of Lafon two years ago, I was told that his switch of allegiance had brought only hardship to local farm-ers. The Khartoum forces had rarely came near, but now local people were subject to Garang's revenge attacks. On Garang's side, there were similar complaints about

Nyuon. Knartoum must have been delighted. This feuding ended a year ago, when Nyuon changed sides yet again. He showed his loyalty to the rebel cause by attacking a Sudanese army convoy that had dared to ven-ture near Lafon, and then he signed the Lafon Declaration, making neare with Garang making peace with Garang. His forces and Garang's SPLA no longer attacked each other, and those entering Nyuon's area of control had to obtain SPLA "visas." Nyuon's change of factics partly ex-plains the success of the SPLA's dry season offensive, in which government forces have been pushed back towards the garrison town of Juba.

In January, just as the rebels' prospects seemed to be at their best for years, Nyuon made a crucial mistake. He ing. Nyuon thought he could outwit the other players in this brutal game, and achieve pushed north into Upper Nile province, where the SSIM still has support, and was reportedly killed by forces of one of Rick Machar's com-manders, Elijah Hon, be-His military career started

lieved to have close links to Khartoum where the govern-ment claimed that Garang was responsible. Nyuon's death may not damage the SPLA's new success, but could cause renewed

inter-Nuer fighting. It comes at a time when Sudan faces increasing international isolation, as well as the threat from the southern rebels. The Khartourn government will be de-lighted that William Nyuon Bany's lengthy guerrilla career is finally over.

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erpool shipping firm, read a burth near Liverpool for 2800. les for help from a cerebral palsy sufferer in the weekly magazine Picture Post. Angers, who has died aged 76. had cerebral palsy all her life. She responded to his letter, and thus began a mission that lasted for almost half a century. Initially she wrote an open

letter to the National Cripples there regularly as a carol Journal which brought her into contact with Margaret Matcher, a Manchester typist and a Crosby dressmaker, Kathleen Brain. The three women - who all had cerebral palsy - produced a mag-azine, the Spastics Fellowship; the first edition was published in 1948. "Sharing problems and standing together," ran lis motto, "in-spires confidence." With the 12th issue Audrey Angers 12th over as editor. When she was a chua, Au-drey recalled, she would walk on her toes like "a wobbly hallet dancer" although her that her "marching

father had her "marching around like a soldier". She was a woman of tremendous Through her efforts, the Liverpool Spastics Fellowship was formed in 1952, and organised a Blackpool holiday camp get together. Out of that came a Croydon branch of the fellowship. Thus the work courage; a small, determined, figure with a passionate heart who loved Liverpool. spread and in 1953 the national Spastics Society was formed. Audrey organised Fellowship outings, and in born 1954 bought a centre at Aig-

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ILAY IN bed that night won-

dering what it would be like to go on a date with Ronan

[from the pop group Boyzone]Then I feit really sad be-cause I knew we'd never

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D Ben Rees Audrey Angers, charlty ploneer July 6, 1919; February 26

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people of all ages. For three decades from 1959, when the

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neering missionary; his In 1958 the old centre was sold, at a profit, and Mayfield a large building overlooking mother was a Swede of noble birth Penny Lane was purchased. It became Angers House, a resi-Life for missionaries in Life for missionaries in China was not easy. Henry's father narrowly escaped death during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900 when 75 missionaries were murdered, along with thousands of Chinese condential home for handicapped

verts.

man became a committed Christian and later accompa nied Guinness in his missionary work. In 1938, Guinness married

Dr Mary Taylor and they moved to Kaifeng where Mary In 1919, aged 11, Guinness came to England and was eduworked in the hospital which Guinness's father had cated at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate. He was fluent in founded. After the bombing of

worked first with a converted opium addict and later an ex-

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read from John's gospel when he broke into his house. The



Cruise in a film before and I out of his own insecurities or his own jealousness. Vera Banton's words, as lovely. By the end I was in love spoken to Anna Deavere Smith for the New Yorker's women's with Tom Cruise as well!... Once I'd told my mum, things were easier to cope with. I made an effort to turn off the radio whenever Boyzone came on, took my posters down and replaced them with some pictures of dolphins boyfriend Tania's story from the true life

section of "Britain's number 1 girls' mag", Sugar.

Prison life THEY WERE still afraid. They were still confused. He would beat them. They were not his children. I had three children before it was all over with but at the time we all started out it was just and my daughter I had another baby by my husband and I left my husband and went with this man. It was like jumping out of the pan and right into the fire? And he would beat my

issue. Banton is one of several women prisoners held in the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women interviewed by Smith. Banton is in prison for being an accomplice in the murder of her doughter by her Soft eggs LIKE MOST children, I was once tempted to become a ma gician. The temptation came in the form of a rather crude 'How-to" booklet. in which the only really compelling trick was how to get a whole egg into a bottle without breaking it. I never tried it out, though: I did not believe in it. I did not believe because the implications of believing

were dangerous. If it did work, I would be subject to a magic far greater and darker than the banal card-and-coin tricks the booklet could teach me. I would no longer be the "magician" — the trick would be on me. The egg trick was in fact a small matter of kitchen chemistry, but before a cer-

explicable workings of matter — is all magic. Disconnection of known connections. Con-nections where there should have been none. Safer, then, not to believe. According to the booklet, this is how you get a whole egg into a bottle: you soak the egg in vinegar until the shell is soft like rubber, then roll it to become a narrow sausage. slip it down the bottleneck and add water. After a while, when and water. After a while, while water is shape, you discard the water. I was reminded of this pro-found transformation when I first saw an object by the Swedish artist Eva Löfdahl in which a white stone ball, approximately the size of an egg. is contained within a bottle. Except that the bottle has been broken, then glued back together around the ball. Ina Blom dissects the egg trick for the contemporary art magazie, Frieze.

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Hi! I usually don't like writing letters to magazines 'cause I usually feel stupid 'cause nobody ever reads my mail. But I just felt like writ. Frieze . . kitchen chemistry 1. Disconnect all terminals

Henry Guinness, missionary, the SPLA delegation to the William Nyuon Bany, guerrilla born April 18, 1908; died Febru-ary 17, 1996 falled 1992 peace talks with the Sudanese government. leader, born c 1930; died January 13, 1996



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singer. 28; Francis King, author and critic, 78; Stuart ship. In discussions with him, Mawson, otolaryngologist, 78; Patrick Moore, astrono nearly 30 years ago, it was clear that his intellectual mer. 73; Wendy Dagworthy Prew, fashion designer, 46; Irina Ratushinskaya, Soviet dissident and poet, 42; Chris Rea, rock guitarist, 45; curiosity was being comman deered by a developing con-viction that scholars and pol-iticians had been for decades mis-using and abusing the word, and the idea of "race" Don Rendell, sarophonist, 70; Alan Sillitoe, playwright and novelist, 68; Peter It is good to know that his memorial will be the long awaited major work on the graves of the two sons he lost Skellern, composer and some 50 years earlier. singer, 49. subject

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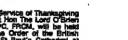
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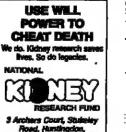


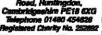
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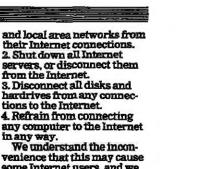
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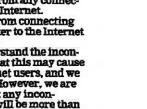
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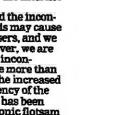
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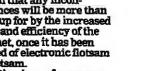
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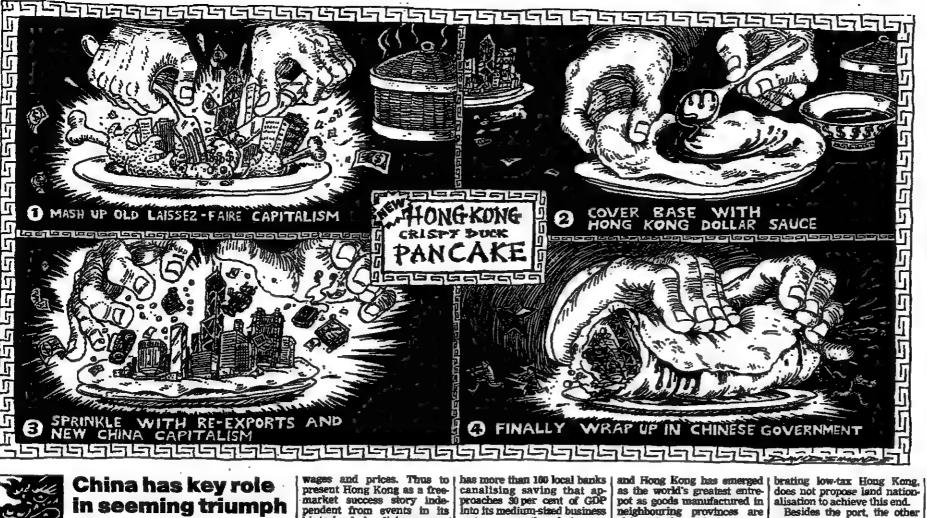
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THE ECONOMICS PAGE 11

Week of reports from Hong Kong begins with analysis of financial ferment and debate about post-1997 prospects Myths that lay claim to a colonial miracle



ON JUNE 30 next year the Union Flag will be lowered over Hong Kong Hong Kong: and the People's Republic of China will take control of the relentlessly capitalist colony on its southern tip. Under Britain's relatively benign rule, Hong Kong has become the Manhattan of the Pacific Rim, attracting

the great financial and investment institutions of Europe, North America and Asia, turning it into the key commercial and trading centre for the region. The colony's flagship HongkongBank, based in a

glass tower designed by Sit Norman Foster, is the most profitable in the world. But its home is now dwarfed by the Bank of Chine. Despite the impending

handover, foreign investment in infrastructure from the new Chep Lap Kok Airport to real estate in the exclusive Peak District continues to pour in and per capita income has risen to \$17,842 (211,510), just a shade below that of the UK and hugely out of line with the \$494 per annum per cap-ita income in China. Hong Kong business and finance has convinced itself that it can survive the transition to Beijing rule and that the miracle can go on.



reports this week, as the Prime Minister John Major makes his last call before Britain pulls out, Guardian writers will examine the political, business and financial prospects for this extraordinary colony

Today, Will Hutton as-sesses the economic importance of Hong Kong in its regional and global context. Throughout this week the Guardian's business team. with Far East correspondent Andrew Higgins, will examine Hong Kong's industrial and transport infrastructure, and describe the investment prospects for Hong Kong companies and the prospects for a confl-dence collapse in the stock market as China takes hold of the levers of economic and political power.

in seeming triumph of western style low-tax capitalism, writes Will Hutton

OR the past 30 years Hong Kong has been asking what will hap-pen on July 1, 1997 when it reverts to Chinese rule; in 400 days' time it will know. Yet much of the debate has been founded

on a myth bordering on a lie. The fear has been that com-munist China must necessarlly extinguish the free-market

capitalism on which Hong Kong's dynamism is based. But while Hong Kong's growth has been extraordi-nary, the process has been more complex and subtle than is wholly explicable in terms of low taxation, free markets nd lack of state intervention. Inward investment to China In the first place, both its or as site of the stock market and lack of state intervention.

Debate 1

Ken Davies

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goods from China is alone worth more than 90 per cent of GDP. This the heart of Hong Kong capitalism. Had British rule remained,

and the booming Guangdong province to which it is adjacent collapsed into political instability as 100 million peasant migrants searching for work proved unassimilable, the impact would have spilled over the border to Hong Kong.

tailst economies, the process was more subtle than just per-mitting the pursuit of profit. Chinese family enterprise has Nor is the succession to Deng Xisoping, the 91-year-old Chinese leader, something that Hong Kong could have regarded with indifference. Whether as a focal point for never been about the kind of free contracting in open markets that neo-classical economists advocate. The essential

pendent from events in its hinterland is disingenuous. into its medium staed business sector — even though the pop-ulation is a tenth of the UK's. Middle-ranking banks like the Wing On and Dao Heng represent long-term relation-ship banking Chinese-style — with firms tapping the admit-tedly casino-like stock market for arternal canital but he The wave of industrialisation that took place in the 1950s was not because the colony of-fered low taxation; it was because two million refugees from Mao's Ching set up shop in Hong Kong to undertake the export business that the UN trade embargo would not allow in China. In Hong Kong, they found a British colonial government that was prepared to run an

economy wholly in the interests of business and free from any democratic pressure to alleviate the chronic exploitetion of the labour force or improve social conditions. As with all successful capi-

for external capital, but because of tight family owner ship not losing control through hostile takeover, as in Britain. Stable ownership, committed bank finance and

the city's geographi-cal position to the full. Yet when China settled the turbulence after Mao's death and the "open door" policy in 1978 marked the beginning of

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and Hong Kong has emerged as the world's greatest entre-pot as goods manufactured in neighbouring provinces are shipped through its port. Around it a thriving service industry has emerged. Nor has this happened with the state standing idly by. The increased infrastructure of irport facilities, railway networks, docks, expressways, water and sewage treatment to keep pace with this growth has been astonishing. Education and public housing have expanded sharply, too - all apparently in a low-tax

high-trust environment. This also is something of a relations myth. The Hong Kong govern ment has an enormous asset; it owns all the land and, with prices rocketing at its regular small firms to exploit auctions, that is a huge source of income. Taxes may be low

in Hong Kong, but new businesses relocating here that imagine they are entering a low-cost environment are soon rudely awaken; as Simon

Playing with Besides the port, the other magnet to Chinese producers all the aces is the convertibility of the Hong Koug dollar, which has been pegged to the US dollar since 1983 — just as the Chinese boom was taking off, stimulated by reform. Al-Briefing though forced upon the colo nial government by a run on the Hong Kong dollar, it has proved a master-stroke. Chi-nese producers re-exporting through Hong Kong are paid in a convertible currency rather than the internation ally useless Chinese renminbi. Much has been made of China's legal commitment to sus-tain Hong Kong as it is now for Kinedom* another 50 years, but the most important commitment is its readiness to maintain the with Prof Rabushka's view

Hong Kong dollar. If China does emerge as the which was based on his admi-ration for Hong Kong's free world's biggest economy. market. Nonetheless, Hong Hong Kong will be its first commercial city. It will not be Kong's story is mostly one of success: a lower infant mor-Murray, chief executive of Deutsche Bank's Asia Pacific operation says, the impact of tion will be offensive — that is tality rate than Britain, lifespans bettered only by the

war, either alone or pegged to another weakening currency.

In 1983, the Hong Kong cur-rency was pegged to the US dollar at \$U\$7.8 — chosen in-Richard Thomas stead of \$US8 for the single reason than it sounded more tHE economic vibrancy like the result of rigorous of Hong Kong so excited commentator Professor modelling -- which was a big devaluation from the rate at Alvin Rabushka that he de

the time of \$US6.5. Since then, clared: "Hong Kong — Happy Kingdom, UK — Unhappy the US currency has fallen further against the mark and yen, giving Hong Kong ax-porters a welcome advantage.

Some of the colony's poor-est workers might take issue There has been a downside to strong growth and a link to a falling currency: inflation Consumer prices rose by 12 per cent in 1991, and inflation has been mostly over 8 per cent since, though in January the year-on-year rate eased

below 6 per cent. But this is where

success and its fate have al-on which Chinese companies ingredient is the establish-mays been bound up with ge-ography. Hong Kong's pros-perity is founded on its China remains wedded to the of business franchises ceways been bound up with ge-ography. Hong Kong's pros-perity is founded on its possession of the finest deep-sea port along the South China coast — and the unique focus it implies for the physi-cal shipment of goods in and out of the mamland. The gross value of the re-graptical the the seconomy will implode of the re-graptical the seconomy will implode the the seconomy was flexible out of the mainland. The - and it won't matter a jot gross value of the re-export , that the economy has flexible

of Buginess tranchises ce-mented by blood ties. This has been aided and abetted by a banking system parhaps even more supportive and interlinked with business

the controlled move to marger socialism. Hong Kong de-industrialised with the same high rents offsets low taxes — and those rents reflect the and eboriage that the governrapidity it industrialised in the 1960s and 1960s. Over the past 10 years the manufacturland shortage that the govern-ment creates to its flecal ading workforce has halved, so manufacturing now consti-

the other side of relationship capitalism Chinese-style. If vantage. If the UK govern-ment owned every acre in Britain and sold of parcels to That umbilical relationship perhaps even more supportive tutes little more than loper and interlinked with business enterprise than those in Ger-many and Japan. Hong Kong inigrated to whence it came, the Conservative Right, cele-is out in the open.

take on mantle

growth rate - between 1962 Kong's fourth and final ace is China relapses into authori-tarianism, economic prospects advantages, and has exploited them all to the full. The first is the ready availability of cheap, flexible labour. Every

played: high inflation doesn't and 1994 - of an average of 8 per cent a year. The territory has had three

matter too much. Normelly, higher domestic prices would translate into bigger price tags on exports, hitting com-petitiveness, and in the process choking off the inflation Communist innovation brought ideal labour-market

by dampening activity. Not in Hong Kong. Con-sumer prices jumped by 3.1 per cent in 1994, but export prices rose by just 2 per cent. Exporters avoid the price trap by the simple avaidant of fodder for a fast-growing economy flooding across the border: people with varied skills, great hopes and low expectations. Job protection is virtually unheard of, regulaby the simple expedient of moving production to China. tion is minimal, unemploy-ment benefit non-existent, and re-exporting from the col-ony. Re-exports grew by an average of 24 per cent a year between 1964 and 1994, overand wages low. Mr K Y Tang, the govern-

ment's economics adviser, taking domestic exports in 1988. Even with a decent marsees the current jobless rate gin, prices can be kept competitive. There is not much produc-

tion left to be moved to China, and as Hong Kong becomes even more closely intertwined with the mother country after 1997, higher mainland inflation will spill over. While it lasted, though, it was great.

FTER reverting to Chi-nese rule on July 1, 1997, Hong Rong will adapt and survive. There will probacheap land and labour made available when Deng Xiao-ping bly be a flurry of emigration in 1996-97, prompting higher saving and lower consumer spending, but if the transition is smooth, spending will revive and growth rates of 5 E million new regime may feel com-workers in pelled to offer increased wel-

per cent plus will return. Hong Kong is already the "New York of South China",

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providing investment funds Hong Kong's adaptability is also likely to be some move in *Ken Davies is the sentor econo*-neighbouring Guangdong, a tions that will remain largely terventionist approach. But

rapidly industrialising prov-ince with a population of 67 1984 Joint Declaration and million. Industries built up in Hong Kong in the Fifties on the post-1997 mini-constitu-tion, the Basic Law, commit However there may be back of sweated immi- the new administration to problems on the political front. After 154 years of colo-nial rule, the people of Hong Kong have tasted democracy, and the new regime may allow the machinery of con-culturing built much the colo grant labour have decamped the existing free enterprise, to China to take advantage of free trade, low tax, minimum regulation environment, com plete with a Currency Board and its own currency, the sultation built up by the colo-nial administration to fall

Survival's easy — with good faith London ready to

opened the door to trade in the late 1970s. Some three intermediates and its own chreaty, the Hong Kong dollar. It would, though, be unre-alistic to expect no tinkering non-interventionism". The into disrepair. There are fears that the

rule of law will not survive, of increased crime and corrup-tion. The new regime will Guangdong fure benefits to appease a pop-turn out products for Hong ulation deprived of is to su Kong firms to export. democratic reforms. There is confidence. have to still these fears if it is to sustain business

Britain as the "Hong Kong of Europe" has been bandied about, usually as thought-free short-hand for dynamism, enterprise and other guff. The time has come for a more literal application. Top companies cheerfully break themselves up into "focused" entities, so why not national states, particu-

Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson

OR years, the idea of

larly when the submersion of incompatible units into Short shrift for 3.5m in second class one grouping puts the coun-try's stock at a heavy dis-

Debate 2

Emily Lau

OHN Major's visit to Hong Kong this week may well be the last time a British Prime Minister vis-its the colony. With 486 days to go before the Chinese takeover on July 1, 1997, there is a growing feeling that the British are irrelevant.

However, the Prime Minister can use his visit to convince the disillusioned Hong Kong people that London still cares about the colony. Or he may use the occasion to Britain. repeat the official line that

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may be cautiously optimistic about the colony's short-term related to race rather than to numbers. After all, millions economic prospects there is of people (mainly Caucasians) nagging concern about rising unemployment and inflation. from North America, Austra-lia and the European Union have unrestricted access to Since corruption is rampant in the United Kingdom even though they are not British China, increased cross-border commercial activities also raise the spectre of a resurcitizens. Hong Kong people lost their full British citizenship in 1962 gence in local corruption.

When I meet the Prime Minister at Government House, I shall remind him yet when Parliament passed the Commonwealth Immigrants again of Britain's moral res-Act. We were further downgraded to second class status by the Nationality Act of 1981. ponsibility for the Hong Kong people, particularly the 3.5 million second class citizens These successive acts have who have been abandoned by stirred up resentment and Emily Lou is at hostility in Hong Kong. They also signalled to Peking that infative Council. Many of us in Hong Kong

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count? The world will need an-other Hong Kong and we are going to provide it. In 1997, the City of London there is nothing Britain can be that Parliament's refusal the British Government did or will do for us. While Hong Kong people Hong Kong British subjects is people and hence would do little to defend their interests. Last week, a 13-member delshould be spun off as a sov-ereign offshore territory egation from the Hong Kong with the Lord Mayor as Legislative Council Visited London

boss-men. It will levy few taxes, hold no elections and provide zero welfare iervices. Its currency will be the gainea, in tribute to the extra 5 per cent City types rook out of their punters. to

At a stroke, the stripeyshirts will lose the embarrassing encombrance of a clapped-out industrial hinterland and 60 million-odd deadbeats while, across the shrift by the Home Secretary frontier, normal people Emily Lau is an independent member of the Hong Kong Legwill be spared having their jobs, mortgages and every day existences rearranged

every five minutes to plaate "market sentiment" Our national schizophrenia will be cured by surgery. Fixing the border will

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equire a once-for-all vote. district by district. At a guess, much of the South-east will throw in its lot with the City-state; Essex can provide the New Territories.

By chance, 1999 will see China subsume the crazy,

fun-loving, Portuguese ter-ritory of Macao. The world will need another such offof 3.3 per cent as actually rep-resenting "quite a bit of shore entity and, again, Britain must provide. slack". Imagine a 3 per cent jobless rate being described as slack in the UK! Fortunately, a haven of non-stop self-indulgence is available. Its currency? But the third cornerstone of Hong Kong's emergence as an Asian tiger is very British: devaluation. The Hong Kong The Pinky. Its government HQ? Henekys, of coarse. The Brighton Hydrofoil leaves in 10 minutes.

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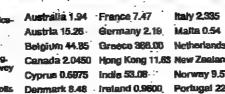
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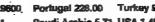


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RUGBY UNION: FIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

Scotland 9, England 18

Scotland trampled by lumbering dinosaur

English unfit for Crown

Robert Armstrong at Marrayfield

T IS no small thing to deny Scotland a Grand Slam at Murrayfield with a performance of ruthless efficiency, yet England, for all their awesome control, showed why they have be-come the most negative side

in international rugby. Will Carling's men took a giant step backwards from the rich promise of last summer's World Cup with the sort of tryless slugfest at forward that used to character-ise the Five Nations Championship during the highly

forgettable Sixties. Naturally England will ar-gue that the end justifies the means, that this victory means, that this victory means everything, especially since it was only their third in seven matches. That res-ponse, though, is near-signed nonsense; players earning up to £36,000 each a season from their England appearances have a responsibility, not to entertain — whatever that means — but to place the full range of their individual skills and collective ability

before the paying public. Players such as Will Car-ling, Dean Richards and Rory Underwood are genuine stars of British sport, men whose remarkable record of achievement may never be surpassed, but they are all largely wasted in a team that lacks vision and colour.

Since Jack Rowell took over as manager from Geoff Cooke nearly two years ago he has not advanced the strategic potential of the national side by one iota. Indeed, England have reverted to the role of lumbering dinosaur.

In the event, Scotland ware simply not good enough to merit a Grand Slam, even though they have brought passion, enterprise and a wellrounded style to an otherwise mediocre championship. A coldiy professional English pack proved superior in every significant respect; there was no question that Richards, Lawrence Dallaglio and the rest fully deserved their two-

score margin of victory. "We didn't meet the standards we set in the earlier sames," admitted Jim Telfer,

because you wish them to. But I think we disproved the claim some people made that we set out to kill the ball." Slow ball rather than kill-the-ball was the main reason why the England fly-half Paul Grayson received possession only 12 times in 80 minutes, a only 12 times in 30 minutes, a statistic that underlines the poverty of imagination of England's limited game plan. The wings Underwood and Sleightholme were never given a pass in space, the full-back Catt found no opportu-nity to counter-attack, and the counters furent and Car.

the centres Guscott and Car-ling concentrated largely on offensive defence, keeping Scotland's guerrilla sortees ring-fenced in their own half.

In essence England im-posed the old-fashioned nineman game that deservedly elicits scorn and derision among the major nations of the southern hemisphere. David Campese's habitual taunt that England bore the fans because they refuse to take risks seemed particularly apt on the day. Comparisons between north-

ern and southern hemisphere rugby could become more embarrassing this summer television transmission of the new triangular tournament

involving New Zealand, South Africa and Australia filters through to European viewers. Nowadays coaching in those countries is geared to producing all-round football-ers in every position who are capable of taking a variety of options that encourage their

self-expression. It is fair to say already that England have no chance of winning the 1999 World Cup - and only a slim one of reaching the last four - unless they take urgent action to eliminate Saturday's sterile

tactics from their repertoire. The match against Ireland on March 16 at Twickenham would be a good occasion for them to win the Triple Crown by introducing flair into a moribund season. To date the Irish have scored aix championship tries against England's paitry two. Rowell and his assistants need to stop treating every match as if it were a rerun of

D-Day, Carling, who deserves to walk away with the RFU's Player of the Season award, than we have seen so far, is asked to be a playmaker in-

Call to arms . . . Jason Leonard and Mark Regan react in unison to Bryan Redpath's clearance PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEEL

conditions. The England squad should be reminded that supporters pay up to £35 each to watch the best they Above all, the sense of en-joyment that Rowell talks about without translating to on-field reality must be foscan produce. Many will ap-plaud Richards each time he tered in precise and practical terms. Too many players are snaffles the ball in a slow maul, but that applause will triple in volume if Grayson, a result of one of the manager's more ambitious footbailer periodic reshuffles.

England's win extended the aker in-

been scored in the last three Calcutta Cup games. Only Scotland's Gregor Townsend looked like ending that dismai run, with a 60-metre break from a Smith "steal" at the tail of a line-out; Carling terminated it. It was the one glorious highlight of an after-

noon that left rugby itself as thoroughly deflated as the

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Blown apart by a G-force

The Guardian Monday March 4 1996

how Dean Richards rumbled the Scots

LYING to Paris with the England team in January, by fluke I sat next to Dean Rich-ards, who had been called late into the squad to sit on

the replacements bench. Richards, it had been decided, was unlikely to fig-ure any more but he was a travelling reserve. He did not know about my project. I announced to him that I was planning a book on life with the squad and would be an anintrusive fly-onthe-wall through the

Richards gave his endearing split-second grin and shrugged: "An intrusive fly on the wall all season, eh?

the match on Saturday, Richards was the first changed and then he sat in his reverie as the keenness and anticipation all around him became dagger-sharp — and he just went on cleaning his battered old boots, the Cherry Blossom brush stroking on and on When the call came down

to the dungeon and Carling picked up a ball and said, "Right, boys, let's go", Richards ambled out last of all. For once (but not for long) his socks were rolled up and gartered; you knew he meant business. Before the end when he limped off, the job had been

long done. For the previous 77 minutes every Scotland kick-off or dinky box-kick runshir

seemed not only to drop into his hirsute embrace but to be aimed directly at it; any spilled bobbler by either side was smuggled up Richards's jersey and turned to invite England's continuing and ruthlessly effective ligature.

His only sidestep is when you confront him with his stoked up too many expec-part in this strangulation tations of themselves and of Scots. He had spent the now could not cope? They previous week taking a leading part in both full toom posting and on wride the build-up, Dean Richards team meetings and en- | wandered on

Frank Keating on closed monastic cells with only the rest of his eightsome reel and the coach Jack Rowell. "Jack and the backroom boys organised the strategy, and the stern homework paid off. Once our tactics began to bite there was just no other ave-nue for Scotland to take. Full credit, they tried but there was just nowhere else

for them to go." His club, Leicester, still have the archaic alphabet on their backs — for them their No. 8 wears the letter G. So G is for Richards and G is also for grandeur, grit, granite, graphite, galvapise, galumph, gallant, gormless grin, grasp, grab, graft, gumption, gell, grap-ple, gladiator, gaffer, and governor ... and a few more besides.

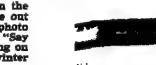
England's back row with Richards restored went well as one, corralling blue Twe got a fancy that makes two of us." Now we know different. Certainly all Scotland does. In the dressing room for Stategies like Boycott setting out his stall on the first morning of a fivedayer at Headingley. It is the English way and has in-furiated all Scotland. But what did they expect? Eng-land set them one single, simple puzzle and they came nowhere near solving

> their own bype. When Eng-land strolled out, still in blazers, to smell the grass and the flavours, and again in their tracksuits to stretch and throw a few balls around, they looked far more relaxed than the edgy Scots, who came out for the official team photo and you could see the "Say cheese" smiles freezing on their lips in the winter

Then it was the English supporters who gave palpa-bly full and committed bellow to their singing, while the Scots were reedy thin and nervous with their uncatchy dirge. Had Scotland, as boxers

say, left all their adrenalin in the gym? Had they

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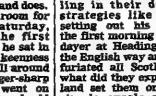
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Ireland transformation produces the stuff of fantasy

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WO weeks after suffer ing their heaviest defeat in the championship, of despair after their mauling Ireland hit the 30-point mark for the first time - a turn-around only they could engineer and then only against equally tickle opponents.

The transformation was too much for Ireland's national television station. As the players were wheeled in to be interviewed after a victory even more comprehensive than the scoreline suggested, the man with the microphone was ful-some in his congratulations. "desperate but not hopeless". with the microphone was ful-some in his congratulations. "Well played, Gabriel."

by the French that this conlan with one eye on next week's international against vincing victory was the stuff of fantasy. When Ireland were going through a similar lean spell in the 1970s their coach Syd Millar described the condi-England at Twickenham. Ireland's tactics were simple: the half-backs kept the ball in front of their forwards, their rugby was riskfree and pressure was placed on the Wales outside-half Artion of Irish rugby as "critical but not serious". Wales's former captain Phil Bennett, wel Thomas, who had one of surveying on Saturday the wreckage of another champithose days when everything he touched turned to dust. He veered between indifference and indecision in an unravel-ling of confidence and self-es-

said their manager Pat Whe-

many changes this season of the championship that Ire-that it is no surprise some of their players appear faceless. But such had been the depth whelmed by the situation," His club's replacements bench. It was a missed kick to touch by Thomas which led to the first of Ireland's four tries of depth and wisely refused to talk of the situation," His club's replacements bench. It was a missed kick to the first of Ireland's four tries other three nations. Had his side shown more poise the side shown more poise the match in a 60-yard source-the first of Ireland's four tries the firs - the first time they had The Irish have enjoyed scored that many in a cham-pionship match at Lansdowne hack to hack victories in the

Five Nations only once since 1985, Wales and England the victims three years ago, and because they lack firepower Road - and the second came after another anaemic Thomas touch-kick failed to find its mark. At forward and creativity be-Ireland's third try also hind they appear ill-equipped to embarrass even an Eng-land side at its most conservacame from a misdirected

kick, this time by the scrumhalf Robert Howley, and in spite of flashes of brilliance in tive, England will not be rash and reckless as Wales were. At least the future of the Irebetween. Wales were reminis land coach Murray Kidd looks cent of Tottenham Hotspur

more secure. For all the New Zealander's belief in an orga-nised game plan based on dis-cipline and control, it was oldunder Ossie Ardiles: likely to score but likely to concede

Hockey

short of the line, the wing Niall Woods dropped the ball with the line at his mercy, and Ireland twice wasted a series of five-yard scrums.

Their first two tries fol-lowed kicks shead: David Humphreys's chip was weighted for Simon Geoghe-gan. Wayne Proctor being undone by the bounce, then Woods gathered Thomas's wayward clearance, chipped ahead, waved an arm at the ball and somehow managed to catch it before plunging over

scored his first championship try away from Cardiff. Wales never looked potential victors and were finished off by two forward tries.

Wales have to beat France to avoid a second successive whitewash, having lost their last eight championshir matches. Ireland for once are talking about records in a

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Boxing

Kevin Mitchell

hopes a once-great champion keeps his promise to retire after this sad defeat

FTER THE tears, the fears. Having anin as dramatic a fashion as most at ringside could remember — bruised, beatan and trembling with emotion, his bride-to-be by his side — Nigel Benn now threatens to change his mind.

day, he goes back on the promise he made to a visibly moved audience of 10,000 after losing his world title at the Newcastle Arena on Sat-urday night — and it would not be out of character — Benn risks surrendering more than his credibility. At risk are his health, his reputation and the support of

his girlfriend Caroline, who has begged him to walk away from the dangerous but lucra-tive trade he has practised for nine years. His theatrical pro-posal to her on bended knee in front of the TV cameras may have been the start of a

tremendously.



Salute of the gladiators . . . Malinga and Benn, winner and loser, touch gloves in mutual respect after their world-title fight PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEEL

"I acted in an emotional state." he said yesterday. "Tm going on holiday to think about it and talk it over with jab and giving away round after round, he was being wobbled by a light hitter. Ma-lings has stopped only 17 of 50 Caroline. I'll also talk to my manager Peter DeFreitas and my trainer Kevin Sanders." They all want him to guit. So does his father. Perhaps, also, he should listen to his opponents, just seven of them on clean count-outs. Benn has become a danger-ously vilnerable commodity against quality fighters, and given the several epic fights conqueror, four years older than him at 36 but the fresher, sharper man over Saturday's 12 tense, ragged rounds. Thulane "Sugar Boy" Ma-

Indiane "Sugar Hoy" Ma-linga, the new owner of Benn's World Boring Council super-middleweight belt, said after his 118-109, 115-112, 112-114 split points victory that he welcomed Benn's decision to quit. "Nigel has been one of the great champi-ons and I respect him title. Declined a place in the 1986 Commonwealth ons and I respect him Been did not take a terrible Games team when dropped beating, by any means - in-deed he had the South Afriafter failing to turn up for training. Turned pro 1987. • Phase I: Only two oppocan down for a count in round five that, in earlier times, nents of first 22 went past

his spectacular comebacks — but his work bore all the marks of decline. Slow to the jab and giving away round after round, he was being "I was complacent," he said. "I thought it was going to be an easy night" — the words of a man booked on fighting a blood junkie. ald McClellan), talk of a bigmoney pairing with the awesome Roy Jones jur, once fancifal, is now preposterous. Thoughts of a third meeting with the retired Eubank also Benn's biggest battle, as it ought to be shelved. Even before his right eye was thumped shut in the has always been, is with himself. After losing to Euhank in 1990 he said he would retire;

Tale of the Dark Destroyer's tape

• Born: Ilford, Essex, Jan-mary 22 1964. • Amateur career: Won the ABA middleweight title. Declined a place in the Control of the title of the titl dleweight title. Returned, switched trainers, stopped

It was never going to be easy for Benn to quit. His was always an instinctive rather than acquired hunger to fight, honed in liford where the street was his first gym. He loved a "tear-up". He was var-iously "The Dark Destroyer" and, latterly, "The Warrior". Of the 20 claimants to 12stone supremacy since the division was introduced in 1964, Benn ranks not far behind the very best — Jones, Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns, Michael Nunn — and ahead of most of his contem-poraries. He could be com-pared favourably with the stoppages 35; first-round wins 13; second-round wins dozen or so genuine world champions among the 58

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Bailey waits on Weld and Dunwoody

Chris Hawkins

Festival just eight days away, many crucial riding arrangements remain in abeyance following the sad injuries to Norman Williamson and Adrian Maguire on Friday. Richard Dunwoody is the

key figure and the obvious replacement for Williamson on Alderbrook in the Champion Hurdle but at the mo-ment a gentleman's agreement a genuenan's agree-ment is standing in his way. Dunwoody has a verbal contract to ride for Dermot Weld who still has the injury plagued Fortune and Fame in the Champion.

Dunwoody rode Fortune and Fame after racing at Leo-pardstown yesterday in a workout that also included Derrymoyle and Tiananmen Square. Weld was pleased with the

way his gelding worked, say-ing: "He's pretty straight but tomorrow will tell a tale. We will see how his legs are in Many believe Dunwoody

will manage to get on Alderbrook but if not trainer Kim Bailey has a problem. Bailey's second preference would be Jamie Osborne but Charlie Egerton expects Os-borne to ride Mysilv on whom he won at Haydock recently. "There's no actual contract but Osborne has an arrange-ment whereby he rides for me when available," said Eger-ton. "I know Jim Old wants him to ride Collier Bay, It's complicated but I expect Os-borne to ride for me." Egerton will give Mysilv two pieces of work this week ("although she's 100 per cent

anyway") and is fancying the mare's chances. "Originally I would have preferred heavy going but as Alderbrook is said to want give, maybe it would be better if we have geunine good ground for My-silv - she acts on anything."

Bailey is still not sure of a jockey for Master Oats, either, but Osborne rode last year's Gold Cup winner to fin-ish second in Ireland last month

"At the moment I don't know where I am, " said Bailey. "I'm just waiting to see what happens this week. It's a terrible shame for Norman

terrible shame for Norman (Williamson). He'd schooled 10 horses before the injury and looked to be perfectly fit." Maguire's shocking tumble at Newbury, which resulted in him breaking his collar-bone in five places, meant that David Nicholson spent the weekend trying to sort out his riding plans for over 20 horses at the Festival. Noel Chance, trainer of Mr

Noel Chance, trainer of Mr Mulligan, hot favourite for the Sun Alliance, was worried that Nicholson might exercise his claim on Richard Johnson but that will not be the case.

"I promised Richard he could ride the horse at Chel-tenham and I'm sticking to that," said Nicholson, "I've booked Dunwoody for Hill of Tullow in the Sun Alliance but haven't decided yet whether St Mellion Fairway will run in the race - he needs soft ground."

Nicholson has also secured Dunwoody for Martin's Lamp in the Grand Annual, Charlie Swan rides Viking Flagship in the Queen Mother Chamin the states should channel the state of th dean (Stayers' Hurdle).

Brendan Powell will be on the stable's Percy Smollett in the Ritz Chase but Nicholson has so far not got a jockey for the enigmatic Barton Bank in the Gold Cup. Andy Turnell may be look-

ing for a rider for Squire Silk in the Champion Hurdle following the two-day ban imposed on Paul Carberry by the Doncaster stewards on Saturday for excessive use of the whip on Zamharser. Carberry is contemplating

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RACELINE CIGAR, America's leading horse last year, continues to recover from a setback PULL RESULTS SERVICE 0891-168-168 0891 168+ "He is doing great," said trainer Bill Mott. "We will resume training with him and are looking forward to DONCASTER 101 201 30 WINDSON 102 202 30 the future. His next objective will be the Dubai World Cup on March 27." 1110

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Soccer

Premiership: Coventry 2, West Ham 2

Coventry as exposed as **Lady Godiva**

Commentary David Lacev

HE notion that football will be more entertaining if goals are enlarged has yet to be laughed out of the inner courts of the world game. Yet the lower reaches of the Pre-mier League could be for-given an ironic chuckle or two, since those concerned must feel that they have been defending bigger nets for most of the season. These sides share a common failing of conceding goals as if they

had plenty to spare. "A manager should always start with two good goal-keepers," said Jimmy Hill when he lifted Coventry City from Third Division to First during the Sixties. Given the present trend for whacky innovation it is a wonder that someone at Highfield Road has not asked the Football Association if it might be possible to play both at once. Coventry City have the longest unbroken member-ship of the present elite after Arsenal, Everton and Liverpool, but once again this proud boast is under threat. Their 2-2 draw with West Ham was a highly entertaining, open-ended affair which gave the crowd its money's worth, yet it cost Coventry

two more home points and they have won only one of their eight Premiership games this year. Add this result to the previous week's failure to beat Middlesbrough in a goalless, soulless encounter at High-field Road, and Coventry have

field Road, and Coventry have not had a good fortnight. They may not be losing so often but they have yet to ac-quire a winning habit. They are wedged into the group of teams fighting for footholds above the bottom two places, which will con-tinue to be occupied by Queens Park Rangers and Bolton unless miracles be-come commonplace at Loftus come commonplace at Loftus

Road and Burnden Park. Acad and Burnden rark. One point separates South-ampton, lying 16th, from Manchester City, Coventry and Wimbledon, and Sheffleld Their only comfort is that fel-Wednesday could soon be sucked into the maelstrom.

When Ron Atkinson took over from Phil Neal in February last year Coventry lay

renaissance has cost the club more than £13 million in transfers, which is about \$1 million for each month of the Sun King's management. Last week a Labour MP was reported to have stumped up

so million for more players. Presumably he is not the shadow Chancellor. On Saturday Atkinson's team scored two excellent goals worthy of winning any match. Unfortunately for Coventry these were flanked by their defence's failure to clear two corners, and on each oc-casion West Ham scored.

Cottee's was the third West Flam head to reach Williamson's corner as defenders stood agape in the second minute, and he nodded the ball beyond

Ogrizovic. In the 22nd minute Ogrizovic failed to claim a corner from Hughes, and Rieper was lurking at the far post to thump the ball into the roof of the net. In between times Whelan's

inspired pass across the West Ham penalty area was swept into the net by Salako, and then Whelan himself scored with an assured lob past Mik-losko after Dublin had glanced on Daish's clearance. West Ham had enough chances to win the game be-

fore half-time but missed them all, as did Coventry in the second half, during which Williams hit a post. Atkinson had brought on

Williams as an extra midfielder, opting for three at the back in an attempt to deny West Ham the broad avenues of space their precise, intuitive passing had exploited so keenly before half time. This plugged the more obvious gaps without suggesting that Eoin Jess, the new arrival from Aberdeen, is another Gordon Strachan.

Afterwards Atkinson was routinely optimistic. "We played with drive, passion and commitment to the cause," he said. "I have to be satisfied with that kind of performance. If we play like that for the rest of the season we will have plenty in hand." Then sgain, if Coventry de-fend like that for the rest of

low strugglers are showing equally sieve-like tendencies. SOORERE: Covening City: Salako (7min). Whetan (15), Wast Hean United: College (2), Aleper (22).

miership, despite this point which moved them up a place to fourth from bottom. kry Citys Ogrizovic; Borrows Alan, Ball

Cynthia Bateman

Block and tackle . . . Fowler takes evasive action from the Aston Villa defender Ehiogu's forceful tackle but there was no avoiding the young Liverpool striker's presence. He scored two of his team's three goals — PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEEL PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEELE

Manchester City 1, Blackburn Rovers 1

Tottenham Hotspur 1, Southampton 0

Ball still bouncy Matt needs gloss Losing in style

the City goalkeeper had to tip away McKinlay's 30-yard shot. Neil Robinson

Kinkladze, whose 23-year-old fellow Georgian striker HEY were handing out Michael Kavelashvili, of Spar-tak Vladikavkaz, is in Man-chester for talks with Ball, was less influential than of the application forms for Maine Road season tickets before the match. The number left discarded on the steps underlined the qualms late, but City played attracabout City's future in the Pretive football at times.

Too often, though, Blackburn were able to intercept with ease, and when Symons mits no tailed to clear. Sh

Matt. still neat and creative away from goal but curi-ously unable to squirrel that half-yard of space near ET'S get this straight: Matt Le Tissier has not fallen out with anyone it. "Just a question of

form," he says. In the second half he drifted forward from right midfield but became less inand is still allowed to play the free spirit at Southamp-ton. Any paper that writes otherwise is printing lies. Such is the gist of Dave Merrington's response to a fluential as Tottenham's white blanket smothered the life out of Southamprecent story that Le Tissler ton. It was a dreadful spec-

Stephen Bierley

ShortLy after Branco, an soth-minute substi-tute, had sprinted on to the Riverside pitch to the rapturous applause of another huge Middlesbrough crowd, the Brazilian executed an out rageous little flicked pass which not only bamboozled Everton but completely hood-

from Grant and Hincheliffe.

from Grant and Hinchcliffe. Middlesbrough. with Barmby initially electric, began buoyantly, only for their promising attacks to founder on Fjortnit's one-dimensional response. He has scored only six goals this season, shred-ding his confidence and mak-ing him appear clumsy

ing him appear clumsy. The chances were there early on but once Grant pounced for his first d two or three of Dal there was rarely an new colleagues as well. In an instant a laconic voice doubt Everton would win. A typically bristling run by Kanchelskis just before half-time ended with a Fleming foul and a Hinchcliffe viously suffered much in silence, opined with heavy Then, albeit briefly, came Branco: a searing left-foot shot from 30 yards which seemed to scorch the turf as it bulleted past Southall's lefthand post; a mishit free-kick which still had the velocity to pin-ball its way through to the abject Fjortoft, who was denied by Southall. "We had a look at him in training but there was no way he was 100 per cent fit," said Robson, explaining why the Brazilian had not come on sooner. For the newspapers, radio, and television there was only the one story: Branco. There's an awful lot of copy in Brazil. of copy in Brazil scoptures: Evertee: Grant (28). Hinchelffe (pen 45). Nijddeetrougte Walsh; Cox, Barron, Whyte, Fleming, Mustce, Moore, Kavanagh (Branco, Sömini, Higneti (Hendrie, 20), Barndy, Fjordst. Everteen: Southall: Grant. Watson, Unsworth, Hinchelliffe, Kanchelskis. Partingon, Ebbrell, O'Connor, Stuart.

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Harder option for Keegan in Batty let-off

David Lacey finds a late twist for tonight's clash of the Titans Eagerly awaited though it is, tonight's match will settle nothing with the possible exception of Newcastle's nerves. For although Keegan's team cannot become champions by betting Marchester United it

beating Manchester United, it would be hard to see them los-AVID BATTY could be lying in wait for Manchester United at ing the title after that.

A home victory would leave Newcastle seven points ahead St James' Park tonight after all. The combat-ive England midfielder was at the top of the Premiership with a game in hand and needing another 21 points from their last 10 fixtures to yesterday cleared to play for Newcastle when it had been thought he would miss the win the champlonship for the first time since 1927. Pive of these matches are at home,

thought he would miss the match through suspension. Kevin Keegan signed him from Blackburn Rovers for 23.75 million last Thursday after the player had begun a two-match ban. It was as-sumed this mean he would miss this amping's ancounwhere they have so far not dropped a point in 13 games. On the other hand a win for Manchester United, or even a draw, would further test the simeo this meant he would miss this evening's encoun-ter, but yesterday it turned out that the suspension was completed with Blackburn's fixture at Manchester City even though Batty had been registered with his new club. "This is entirely correct." a character of Keegan's side at the start of a difficult run-in. A mixed bunch — West Ham, QPR, Aston Villa, Southamp-ton and Tottenham — will

visit St James' Park but New-castle's remaining away fix-tures are at Arsenal, Liver-pool, Blackburn, Leeds and Nottingham Forest. "This is entirely correct," a Football Association spokesman confirmed last night. "David Batty is free to play. The reason is that his ban started with one club and had to finish with one club. As the rules stand he has completed his guession." Alex Ferguson's players will take the field tonight with eight successive vic-tories behind them, culminating in the 6-0 rout of Bolton

his suspension." Whether Batty starts the game will depend on how much tackling strength Keewanderers at Burnden Park eight days ago. That victory not only brought Manchester United to within four points gan feels he needs in midfield against Roy Keane and Nicky Butt. He already has Robert of Keegan's! team, it reduced Newcastle's lead on goal dif-ference to one. If Ferguson Lee fit after a groin strain and due to return in place of Lee makes a change tonight it will

Clark. With Keegan expected to abandon his recent experifor David Beckham. • In the Dutch first division ment of three centre-backs, the choice would now appear to lie between using Philippe Albert, outstanding at Maine Ajax's new-year fallibility continued yesterday as they lost 2-1 at Vitesse Arnhem, Road nine days ago, as a constructive force in front of three days before they defend their European champions the defence or employing Batty as barbed wire. If Kee-gan remains true to his in-stincts Batty should expect at title at Borussia Dortmund. PSV Eindboven hold on to the



involve recalling Lee Sharpe, who has had a back injury,

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17th out of 22 in the Premie ship, having taken 31 points from 28 matches. They are now 16th in a 20-team league, with 26 points from a similar number of games.

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Queens Park Rangers 1, Arsenal 1

Chill hits Wilkins

Martin Thorpe

F QUEENS Park Ranger supporters have been moved by their team's be leaguered position to look up last season's Premiership table and check that they really did finish eighth, they might also glance at the other end of those standings. It

makes chilling reading. For last season Norwich were relegated with 43 points, and though this year a continuation of Premiership life probably begins at 40, to reach that number QPR must win six of their 10 remaining games having won only one of their last 10. And to heap impossibility on top of improbability, five of those games are against Manchester United, Newcastle, Aston Villa and the two in-form London teams Chelsea and West Ham.

To give themselves any chance of staying up. Rangers need to be taking maximum points from the division's inconsistent teams such as Arsenal, but even the injuryhit Gunners proved beyond

them. On Wednesday QPR are home to Leeds, the Premiership's most capricious side. Fail to win and the chance of getting out of the basement will have all but gone.

Though Ray Wilkins plans to buy a player from abroad | Beteres P Alcock (Re

Sunderland close the gap

SUNDERLAND cut Derby's | Nevin (18 minutes) and John Division to six points yesterday with a 4-0 win at both goals, replied.

Grimsby. Tap-ins from Kevin Ball (34 minutes) and Craig Russell (73) had won the points before winning 4-2. Phil Grav caught Paul Crichton off his line in the 89th minute and Michael Bridges scored in injury time.

At the other end of the table Tranmere's 2-1 win at Old-ham plunged the home side its rule prohibiting "assodeeper into trouble. Tran- clates" having interests in mere scored through Pat | different clubs.

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before the transfer deadline, it looks too little, too late. On Saturday QPR showed some tasty touches in the first half and admirable spirit through-out, but when Arsenal overlook earlier sloppy pass-ing and inexcusable misses. stepped up a gear after halftime and took over the game, Rangers simply lacked the skill and ingenuity needed to wrest back the initiative. Only some fine saves from

weather some early bluster in which the centre-half Hendry holdly dribbled round a starbetween the manager Bruce Rioch and the vice-chairman tled Kinkladze on the edge of David Dein over who chooses

first-half hope with a typi-cally whirlwind display of guile and guts, setting up his side's goal with a great ball to Impey, whose cross was met by Gallen on 20 minutes. But Sinclair faded and Bergkamp took over the star-

ring role with an imperious performance of detached brilliance, culminating in a stun-ning first-time volley from Dixon's pass that hit the back of the net as hard as it did

QPR's survival hopes. SCORERS: Queens Park Rangers Gallen (20min) Arsenah Bergiump (49) Queens Park Rangers: Sommer: Bardsley, Ready, Vages, Challs, Holkoway, Quashio, Barber, Impey (Dichio, 60). Gallen, Sinclair

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on 57 minutes - his 25th in the league, five more than City have scored in total owed something to a deflec-tion off Summerbee's shin. Sommer prevented defeat. But Blackburn forced City to This, too. was Arsenal mi-nus Bould, Adams and Wright and unsettled by a public spat

the penalty area to give Immel a wake-up call. A minute later which players to buy. Sinclair offered QPR some

First Division: Derby County 3, Huddersfield Town 2 County home in on the Premiership Paul Weaver on the club leaving the

Baseball Ground to move up in the world N THE hit film Jumanji the perseveringly boyish Robin Williams is trapped within the end of the season is a nice

jungle-based board game with earthquakes, floods and stampeding rhinos, zebras and elephants. Derby County

know the feeling. For an agon or two now

they have appeared impris-oned in a division to which they do not truly belong and in a stadium which feels like a Lord Justice Taylor-free zone, and the likes of Reading and Barnsley have trampled

Aldridge (52) before Richard Graham, partly to blame for all over them. All this is about to change. This narrow but still convinc-Ipswich went three goals up in 13 minutes against Leicesing win extended their unbeaten league run to 19 games ter at Portman Road before and four months, and it had their manager Jim Smith • The Football League is inbeaming when he finally quiring into the appointment emerged, more than an hour of Terry Brady, whose daugh-ter Karren is Birmingham's after the final whistle, from treating his opposite number Brian Horton to his famous hospitality. The popular managing director, to the Portsmouth board because of Smith is known to enjoy a

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captain, revolving around being extremely large and very cross, is unquestioned. class of red wine, and on Sat-It was Van der Laan who urday afternoon it must have provided the clever pass from | Smith ... beaming

concern and is hopeful that they can move further from time and space to lift a shot from just outside the angle of the area. Summerbee's shin danger against Arsenal at Highbury tomorrow. "In our helped it in off the far post. Flowers's shin proved just as useful to Blackburn at the last three cames we have played Manchester United, Newcastle and Blackburn and other end, when Rösler's header bit the post but there hasn't been a thumbnail bounced out off the goal-keeper's leg. Flowers stood no between us." he said. "I told my players today that they were magnificent." chance, however, against Lo-City were not that good.

mas's superbly placed, power-ful header from Rösler's Nor were Blackburn, al-though Ray Harford also said cross, and he then endured 10 he was delighted with his minutes - including nearly side's performance. A grandfour of injury time — of hy-peractivity as City went for the three points. stand finish with spectacular and acrobatic defending by

"We had five wonderful Rovers perhaps caused him to chances to win the game. All we need," said Ball, as he has been saying all season, "is a little bit of luck. I believe we Even Alan Shearer's goal will survive. I have to believe

will survive. I have to believe that, and the players take strength from that." SCORENE: Hanobester City: Lonias Bandester City: Ionias. Given Frontzeck (Hirer. 73). Lomas. Filtroft. Clough. Summerbee, Kinkladse, Quinn (Philips. 73). Robier. Blackborn Roverss Flowers. Berg. Hendry. Coleman, Konna, Gallacher, Sherwood, McKinlay, Holmes. Newell. Sheare.

the end of the season is a nice ambition, although I'm not

sure it's realistic. But Brian

told me that we are the best

side in the First Division and

if we are to be beaten I now know that it will take a very

Shearer. Referee: P Danson (Leicester)

midfield shackles being placed on him by his manager that he would soon be leaving the club. True or not, pressure is

instrated b

starting to show on Southampton, now in the bottom three for the first time this season. Increasingly their only hope seems to be that Le Tissier will recapture his form of last year, when his shots found their target from every point of the

compass. This match highlighted the contrast between then and now. Southampton had won last season's corresponding fixture with two Le Tissier goals, the second a special in the 88th minute. There was never much prospect of a repeat, although Le Tissier again chose two minutes from time to create a

champagne moment. This time he fizzed the ball 40 yards to the feet of Shipperley, who displayed all the poise and balance of Pauline Quirke in heaving it over the top. The pass seemed typical of the new

midfield in the 12th minute which allowed Dean Stur-

ridge to cross from the right for Paul Simpson to score his

first goal of this match and the 100th of his league career.

That equalised Andrew

Booth's second-minute goal

for Hudderfield. And in the

21st minute it was Van der Laan himself who rode three

tackles to score a barnstorm-ing second, his first goal since October, though since then he

of a pitch can take only some of the blame for the poverty of skill on view. in the main stand, having pre-Passes were frequently mis-directed, shots infrequent Only Dozzell, who headed (You should be used to that and wildly inaccurate.

Tottenham's a

and Slade emerged with reputations enhanced. The rookie striker exhibited some excellent touches, in-cluding an early drag-down and shot which scraped

and shot which scraped Beasant's post. With Armstrong likely to return for next Saturday's FA Cup replay against Not-tingham Forest, Slade's im-mediate first-team future is limited. But his presence says much about the depth of Spurs' talent pool. Southampton's seems more like a puddle.

Tottenheim Hotepten Walker: Campbell, Celderwood Mabbult, Wilson, Howella, Dozzell, Sinton, Sheringham, Slade (Rosenhei, 76), Fos. Forthand Vy, For Senthangton: Beasant; Beneti, Hall Monkou, Magilion, Yenison, Charlion (Oskley, 67). Le Tissier, Wilderngkon Shipperley, Watson (Tedale, 82).

Derby went 3-1 ahead in the 74th minute when a Rowett shot rebounded off Gabbiadini

and Simpson cut in from the

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Tottenham's second-half winner from Sinton's cross, and Slade emerged with ninth defeat in 10 Premiership matches, a desperate run which began last Boxing Day with a 4-0 drubbing at Goodison. Their last Premiership win was against West Ham on

December 23 and Bryan Rob-son will take his team to Upton Park next Saturday in the profound hope that a new cycle of success can be begun. It is possible that both Branco and Juninho may play in that match, which would mark it down as a very special day indeed. Who would ever have thought that

plain and pragmatic Boro would one day dance to the samba beat? Or leave Ayre-some Park? These are won-drous times on the Tees; 10 minutes of Branco almost entirely erased the memory of first-half Evertonian goals

Ferguson. Reference D Gallagher (Banbury)

Wimbledon 1, Chelsea 1

Damp-squib derby as Cup rivals keep their powder dry

Don Beet

HE trouble with right to score with a curling left-footer. Huddersfield disrehearsals for important cup ties is that the sides conguised the margin of victory by pulling a goal back through Thornley in the 82nd minute. Nostalgia is burgeoning at the Baseball Ground. The cerued try to give nothing away. So if was hare, where Wimbledon and Chelses, who meet in reverse on Saturday in the FA Cup sixth round,

ground, with its sticky, clay-cloying pitch and its wooden stands in which flat-capped revealed nothing. The managers blamed the pitch, but that was a ready exsupporters smoke fags — probably Woodbines — is a throwback, but for the start of cuse for a pot-boiler that never raised steam. Two normally adventurous teams settled for a point in a stale-mate enlivened only occasionthe 1997-98 season the club will have moved to a 30,000seat stadium at Pride Park. The vice-chairman Peter

ally by Gullit and Petrescu. Wimbledon in particular exhibited surprisingly little passion in view of their precarious Premiership position, but to Joe Kinner's relief results at the bottom of the table went their way.

man back line with three forwards had the visitors in a flap early on and his side should have led before Furlong, against the run of play, headed in Wise's 35th-minute cross after a free-kick.

Within two minutes Eko-

ku's presence hustled Steve Clarke, shaky in the centre of Chelses's back three, into an own-goal equaliser from

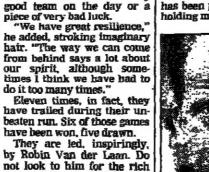
Gayle's cross. It was largely shadow boxing after that. It will be different on Saturday, of course. Glenn Hoddle "rested" Spencer and Peacock and flu delayed Holdsworth's return for the Dons. He will be up for the Cup, as will the 37-year-old striker Harford. "Mick has great vision, great ball control and is deadly at at placer" mid Financia set pieces," said Kinnear. He might have been talking

about Gullit, who will surely feel Jones's presence more at than he did at Selhurst Park, where they exchanged nelther word nor tackle.

Hoddle, who "played horses for courses", said: "It will be a new ball game next week." Considerably better than this, one hopes. Wimbledon fans leaving early to queue for Cup

tickets missed nothing. SCORENES Whetherforms S Clarke (og 37min), Chelsees Furlong (36), Winsbladees Sullivan; Cunningham, Blackwell, Perry, Kimble, Jones, Loonbardsen, Earle, Gayle, Goodesan (A Clarke S), Elocha

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Dutch skills of a Gullit, Bergkamp or Roy. His authority as

Referens E Lomas (Manchester).

has been playing in a deeper, holding midfield position.

United." SCOREES: Daving County: Simpson (12 and 75min). Van dar Laan (21). Hundersfield: Booth (2), Thomley (81).

Gadsby, in charge of the new stadium development, said: "We will say goodbye to the Baseball Ground next season,

Purportational Boom (2), Thornby (81), Dentrop Hoult Yales, Slamac, Rowen, Flynn, Ven der Laan (Carsley, 88), D Powell, C Powell, Willerns (Babtsatin, Gr Singson Holges, 88), Starnolt, Gr Singson Holges, 88), Starnolt, Gray, Cowter, Collies (Rowe, 71), Makel, Dynan, Thornley, Jopson, Boom (Dunn, 90)

in style, playing the likes of Liverpool and Manchester

The manager's policy of matching Chelsea's three-

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Patrick Glenn

SUPPORTER Was charged last night with Assault and breach of the peace after an attack on the Rangers goalkeeper Andy Goram in the second half of yesterday's match against Hibernian in Edinburgh.

Lothian and Borders Police said the man would appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court today and a report was being submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Hibernian said that, if found guilty, the man would be banned for life. The Scottish FA will also set up an investigation.

Goram, a former Hibs player, received treatment to a cut nose and needed a police escort from the ground. Rangers had a lost-and-found day; they mislaid their form but stumbled across enough luck to secure another crucial victory. Leighton did not have to

face a ball on target until the full-back Mitchell moved on to a Laudrup centre and

headed it powerfully to the right of his own goalkeeper. Gascoigne, who had a slug-gish match, was awarded a penalty when Farrell chal-lenged as the Englishman played a one-two with Laudrup on the edge of the area. Golf Gascoigne made a produc-tion number of the fall and, ******** with Leighton, was cautioned after a bawling match. Lau-drup drove the kick home. Celtic seem to be developing a predilection for preceding Rangers' Sunday outings with **David Davies in Miami** 4-0 victories. Having disposed of Partick by that score last week, they gave Hearts the

same treatment on Saturday. Mitchell, McGinlay, Farrell, O'Neill, Weg (Evans, 77min), Petric, G

irown, 451 McLaren, Roberter ossen (Miller, 66), Gasoorgne, ndwaen (McCotet, 86), Laudrup McCall Scottish FA officials will today discuss the sending-off of Partick's Rod McDonald against Rangers last monthafter he was cautioned for crossing himself.

Buried at wounded knee . . . Yang Roy Sung of Korea nurses his injured leg while the man who inflicted the damage, Jean-François di Martino of France, enjoys his victory in the men's senior épée final in the World Cup — and Olympic qualifying — tournament at Hendon yesterday. The fallen Yang received his medal on a stretcher PhotoGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

Cricket

Richardson near end of captaincy

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David Hopps in Jaipur finds the West Indies coach. Andy Roberts, main-captain ready to step down after World Cup captain ready to step down after World Cup

BELEAGUERED Ri-chie Richardson yes he goes into his 222nd one-day chie Richardson yes terday chose this walled city to give the clearest indication yet that he will surrender the West Indies captaincy directly after their disastrous World Cup campaign rival for the captaincy. which could end today if they

lose to Australia. Factionalism is rife in an ageing West Indies side and Richardson privately regarded the shabby manner of their defeat against Kanya in Pune last Thursday as a personal betrayal. When he emerged from the dressing room it looked as if the Anti-

guan had shed a few tears. His determination now is to resign with his honour intact; however much he is goaded there will be no "If it is time for someone

else to take over. I don't have a problem with that," he said. "If I think I'm not good enough I'll make way. I will do whatever it takes to supmy life. My mother died a few years ago and it felt awful, but I've never felt the way I did after the defeat against Kenne? port West Indies cricket. That's me: I'm a die-hard Senya." West Indies supporter."

That Richardson can con template international retirement — which is what loss of the captaincy would mean —

openly offering advice to the batsmen. During fielding practice "The Prince" casually swung international with his batting an imaginary seven-iron or average down to 32 and fall-ing. He has suffered exhaustwo; or perhaps, more appro-priately in these parts, he was tion, family illness and bepractising his polo swing. Victory against the Group A leaders today would put reavement and seen Brian Lara emerge as a popular

A leaders today would put West Indies into the quarter-finals, but defeat would leave them with only two points and in danger of being over-hauled for fourth place on Wednesday by Kenya, who meet Sri Lanka in Kandy, or Zimbabwe, who play India in Kanour. Yet, under considerable personal pressure and facing a primarily indian press con-tingent yesterday, he answered scatter-gun ques-tions with commendable grace and diplomacy, a lesson for Michael Atherton. Kanpur "I know people back home are very burt. I don't know ex-

Sri Lanka, fresh from de-feating India, should beat the are very nurt. I don't know ex-actly what is being said but we deserve the criticism." he said. "I'm the man who will be blamed, but it is the responsi-bility of all the players and the whole West Indies set-up. "I would say to the West Kenyans with ease: only Aus-tralia, on subcontinent pitches, have a comparable top seven. But Kandy is suf-fering unseasonable after-noon rain, and one point for an abandoned match, by no means out of the question, could see the Kenyans Indies public that we are very sorry. I've never felt so bad in through.

Some suspect the Sri Lan-kans might throw the match to allow Kenya to qualify and so gain revenge upon West Indies for not fulfilling their Earlier, the shifting bal-ance of the team was clear to see as West Indies completed a desultory net session. Rich-arlies do a desultory net session. Rich-day about Pakistan, and Engardson concentrated on a spot land of gentle spin bowling; the story. land discovered a different

Norman survives a late wobble as Faldo folds

Gressed like an old-time gunslinger in black from head to foot, set up move the ball 15 yards. But a magnificent nine-iron, from 142 yards out to eight feet, great shoot-out for the final allowed him to match Singh's round of the Doral Ryder straightforward par. Open yesterday. Playing with his main rival Vijay Singh, the two of them completed a rain-delayed third round with scores of 67, to be 13 under Norman took five on the 18th last year to finish second to Nick Faldo, and said with a

grimace yesterday: "That hole, it's just a bitch." par, leaders by two over Joe Ozaki and Michael Bradley. Norman almost shot him-Faldo has not made a par ticularly strenuous defence of this title and he continued self in the foot on the final listlessly in the fourth round.

hole, though. He hit his drive off the toe, finished 12 inches from the lake on the left, and, with a full swing, could only move the ball 15 yards. But a first putt five feet past. When the top of the pin to places, from joint first putt five feet past. When the top of the pin to places from joint him bunker his 2nd, splash first putt five feet past. When the top of the pin to places from joint places from joint top blaces from joint places from joint places from joint him bunker his 2nd, splash first putt five feet past. When the top of the pin to place for places from joint plac first putt five feet past. When the return putt missed Fal-do's shoulders slumped, he ing back for his par. The short 4th, although 237 waved his arms about in that familiar "Why me?" routine as he almost certainly realyards long, was downwind yesterday and required only an iron. But again Faldo misised that even a strong finish was now beyond him.

fired, found the bunker on the left and had to recover to three feet for his par. Faldo continued to make pars when But it was not just the put-ting. He was not hitting his approaches anywhere near close enough and at the 3rd ----at 398 yards a distinct birdie birdies were desperately required. The remainder of the field were, in general, - Faldo, off a long scoring well and the

would be invaluable to their broadcasts But the Ulsterman, dis-

tracted by marital difficulties recently, is likely to resist the commentary yesterday after-noon for CBS, the network which has recently fired its temptation to spend all his time in the commentators' booth. Despite his declared intention at the end of last season to 'retire' he now has long-serving British commen-tator Ben Wright for "insensitive" remarks about lesbians and the women's tour. Fe-herty has been courted by all three of the major networks, in fact, who feel that his ro such intention. Feherty said: "I want to capitalise on my hard work. Talking about golf is all very well but for the time being Ryder Cup background, com-bined with some genuinely really want to play it. There'll be plenty of time for talking witty off-the-cuff remarks.

Lawrie's load

PAUL LAWRIE achieved his first European Tour victory yesterday after a 20-hour wait before knowing whether he had out-dis-tanced his rivals in the Catalan Open, writes Michael Brüten in Tarragona.

The Scot competed his second round on Saturday after the loss of 15 hours' play when high winds forced officials to limit the event to 36 holes. He added a 70 to Thursday's opening 65 to resist the challenge of Fernando Roca and Do-mingo Hospital.

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And I wanted	Soccer	5,318 Ball 34, Russell 73 Gray 88, Bridges 90	Lawdrup 71 (pan)	Guingamp 0; Strasbourg 2, Liffe 0; Le Havre 1, Bastia 0, Priders Monaco 4	Burke 67, 73, 66; J Parnevik (Swe) 66, 71, 69; K Cleanwater 72, 67, 69; F Allem (SA) 67, 71, 70, 2039 S Verplank 66, 74, 69; R	WILLS WORLD CUP: Group A: Dathi	venoaka 2 (3-1 pens); Slough 5, Canter-	National Cup final
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	Coventry 2. West Ham 2 Leeds 0, Bolton 1, Man C 1. Blackburn 1; Middlesbrough 0,	Graham 71 Nexts 29 4,225 - Aldridge 52	Celtie	Fortune Duesseldorf 0. Saturday: Ex- irecht Frankfurt 0. Fratburg 1: Boyers Mu- nich 4, 1860 Munch 2: Cologne 0, Karisru-	72: D Frest (SA) 69, 72, 73 CATALAN OPEN (Bormont, Sp): Leading final scores (cut to 35 holes, high winds;	GROUPA PWL TNPB RR Srilanda	Bexleyheath (), Sevenceka (); Harleston 1, Cambs C (); Loughlonians 3, WGC 1; Sara- cans 1, Ipewich 3, Standinger 1, OL 11-39;	Chandra francis
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	3. Carshalton 2, Macciesteld 1, Sudbury Tr. 0, Merthyr 1, Northwich 1; Radchfe Bor	Second Divisione Bournemouth 0, Oxford Und 1: Bractiond C 2, York 2; Brighton 0,	N C. Gloucester 1, VS Rugby 1; likeston Ta 1, Hastings C. Salisbury 1, Cambridge C C Leading standinges 1, Rushden (P28,	0; Espanyol 0, Sevilla 1. Leading stand- inger 1, Aristico Matrid (P29, Pts65); 2, Barcelona (29-57); 3, Composiala (29-53).	(US) bi T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-4, 8-4 WOMEN'S CHALLENGER (Eastieigh):	Reading 14 9 4 1 53 23 31 Guildford 14 9 4 1 50 26 31	Buffalo 3 (ot); Philadelphia 3, Otlawa 2; Colorado 5, Chicago 3; Pittsburgh 5, Ed-	proportion of the few fast
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	Town C. Mangotsheld Utd 1 Gill VAUXMALL CONFERENCE: Atrinc- hara 1. Southport 1; Dover 3, Helday 2	Chestarfield 1; Swamses 2, Bristol C 1; Walsall 3, Rotherham 1; Wresham 2,	Und 3, Bury Tn 2, Bridgmorth Tn 1, Sutton Coldifield 2; Corby Tn 1, Nunexion Bor 3;	PIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP: Ing- land 30, Wates 17; Scotland 9, England 18.	Wagner bt Demongeol 5-3, 4-6, 5-4. Desides: Finals V Lake/C Wood (GB) bi	Cantaring	Dattas 5, Toronto 1: New Jersey 4, Ottawa 1; Los Angeles 5, Montreal 4.	Most Valuable Player awards
	Famborough 0 Sloogh 1; Morecambe 0, Hednesford 1; Tettord 0, Statybridge 1;	Crews 5, Wycombs 1, Swindon 2, P W D L F A Pas	Eventuari Utd 3, Bilagon Th 2; Granthern Th 3, Tarmworth 1; Kings Lynn 2, Moor Green	A INTERNATIONAL: Italy A 19. England	L Golarsa/T Krizan (IL/Sio) 5-4, 4-6, 6-3. GENERALI LADIES TOURNAMENT	Houmilow 14 6 2 5 24 24 20 Teddingtn 14 5 3 6 28 31 18	Motor Sport	went to rebounders. The London Towers de-
	Woking 3. Welling 2. Londing standings:	Swindow	0; Leicester Utd 1, Solihufi Bor 0; Paget Ringmi 1, RC-Warwick 0; Redditch Utd 2,	SWALEC CUP: Stath round: Camphiliy 29, S Wales Police 13.	(Linz, Auti): Floats 5 Appalations (Bol) bi J Halard-Decugis (Fr) 6-2, 5-4.	Troing	RALLY OF THAILAND: Leading post- tions (after 10 clapes) 1. C McRae (GB) Subaru 1min 4 disec; 2. K Erikason (Swe)	fended well all over the court, profited from their strength
S game	(29-58), 3. Woking (28-54) UNIBONO LEAGUE: Presider Divisions	Crewe 31 18 8 7 56 35 80 Nothe County 29 15 9 3 40 22 54	Dudley Tn 6; Rothwell Tr 3, Buckingham Tn 1 Southern Division: Bashley 0, Sli- tingbourne 1; Braintree Tn 3, Navant Tn 0;	SRU TENNENTS CHAMPIONSHIP: Regional Langue: East Two: Grange-	Basketball	Indian Cym	Subaru 1,04 51, 3, P Lietti (it) Subaru	inside and out-rebounded the
	Auchland 1, Barnher Bridge 1; Colwyn Bay	Chesterfield	Condenierd To 1. Witney To 0: Enth & Bel-	Mouth 13, Heriots FP 12. SUPER 12: Waskato 27, Camerbury 28; Otago Highlanders 57, Queensland Reds	BUDWEISER LOP Leicester 62, Brimitg- ham 68; Manchaelor 94, Doncaster 68; Derby 85, Thames Valley 79; Worthing 91.	St Albann	Road Running	Sharks 40-24. They blew the game open in
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JOY FOR JAVED AS PAKISTAN INFLICT ANOTHER WORLD CUP DEFEAT



Out of his ground ... Graeme Hick is stumped for one by Latif off the bowling of Sohail and yet another England collapse has begun

Group B: Pakistan v England

England fail their openers

Scoreboard

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PAKISTAN Sohari s Thorpe b lilksoworth 42

Mike Selvey in Karachi sees the same old was always gettable." So he must have been turning menstory after Atherton and Smith set the pace

LL the ifs and buts | Javed Miandad walked to the of England's quali-fying matches were wicket for probably his last appearance for Pakistan in rted out in the is home city. He had led the National Stadium Pakistan team on to the field at the start and was there at yesterday when a thumping drive from Inzamam-ul-Haq, the end (no tearful Bradon his 26th birthday, whistled manesque farewell for him). back past the bowler Dermot Reeve and careered over the playing the kindly uncle to the young Inzamam. ropes on the long-on For most of the game it had

seemed unlikely that Javed would get to the crease at all It took Inzamam to his halfcentury and, more impor-tantly, gave Pakistan victory as, with Pakistan chasing England's 249 for nine, a suc-cession of batsmen — Aamir in England's last qualifler by seven wickets. England have finished last of the qualifiers Sohail (42), Saeed Anwar (71 from 72 balls), Eisz Ahmed (70 and must go to Faisalabad, from 83) and Inzamam, whose

Atherton won the toss and decided to bat first.

For the first 29 overs, during which Atherton, happily restored to some sort of fluency, and Robin Smith, finally given a chance at the expense of Alec Stewart, were putting on 147 for the first wicket, it had looked as if it might be England's day. Runs came from the feared Akram and Wagar Younis, and Mushtaq Ahmed's world-class legspin was treated with such contempt that his first five overs

disappeared for 39 runs. Collapses have characterised England's cricket in recent times, however, and this was to prove no excep-

But there was work to be ione now, and although Graham Thorpe and Neil Fair-brother set about rebuilding things with a fourth-wicket stand of 38, Akram was mar-

shalling his bowlers well and England were pegged back. It was the reintroduction of Mushtaq which proved deci-sive, for his second five-over spell cost only 14 runs at a time when acceleration was required. It also accounted for Fairbrother, Russell and Reeve, and Cork was leg-be-fore to Wagar's wicked rorker

Those four wickets in 25 balls removed all impetus from the innings and it was only through Thorpe's 52 from 64 balls and some cheer-ful clumping from Gough that

ing of Ejaz and Anwar produced a further 58, and, after Anwar had edged Cork to Russell, Ejaz and Inzamam secured the game with a third-wicket stand of 75 in a dozen overs.

England, who know that the game lacked real significance other than one-upmanship, were buoyant afterwards. citing improvements all round. But they did not come out of the match entirely unscathed.

The cramp Smith suffered while batting saw him leave the field during the Pakistan innings but it is not a problem. More serious is the hamstring pull sustained by Fairbrother in the second over. Already the injury has been inspected by a doctor to try to

Quick-fire Liverpool closing fast

But only 79 seconds

Bosnich was still attempt-ing to instil a sense of order into those in front of him

Premiership: Liverpool 3, Aston Villa 0

Monday March 4 1996

HE role of dark horse is filled uncomfortably by Liverpool. and nearing the fin-ishing post their pace is quickening. This victory of great authority and compo-sure leaves them only six points adrift of Newcastle and within touching distance of Manchester United.

when Liverpool struck again three minutes later. No nifly Liverpool remain outsiders teamwork this time, just the but once the dust has settled on tonight's skirmish at St James' Park the overall picinstinctive brilliance of Robbie Fowler, who may yet be told that he must watch this summer's European Champiture may not only be clearer from a Merseyside perspecive but also rosier. onship finals from his armchair.

Whatever the outcome on Tyneside it would now be The striker's 28th goal of the season was sublime. He slipped his marker, Staunton, foolish to dismiss Liverpool's challenge, for Newcastle have as a mouse does a cat and his still to visit Anfield and, as Aston Villa will testify, that can be a painful experience. shot from 30 yards flew home. His 29th, two minutes later.

"This result keeps the preswas rather less glamorous, an sure on the other two," said angled drive which Bosnich Liverpool's manager Roy misjudged. The afternoon had peaked Evans. "All we can do is keep early and what followed pro-vided nothing to match the first glorious minutes. Southon winning and hope they slip up. Ideally I would like both Newcastle and Manchester United to lose tomorrow night but you can't have everything." gate struck the bar with a header and Milosevic missed his customary sitter as Villa

Liverpool are unbowed tried to save face. since they limped out of what Liverpool's title odds have is referred to locally as Black November. Evans still looks been cut from 9-2 to 3-1 by William Hill, which also back in anger at a 21-day spell quotes them at 15-1 for the in which 11 of 12 available Premiership FA Cup double. Hill's makes Newcastle +-7 points were tossed away.

It is tempting to describe as title favourites, with Manchester United the 3-1 joint magnificent the opening econd favourites. strains of Liverpool's performance yesterday, but this was more symphony than impres-Liverpool: James McAlect Wrigh Redkrapp, Joman, Babb Scales Jones McManaman Thomas Barnes Collymand Rush, Sti Former

sive overture. Villa arrived on Merseyside Asten VIIII Bosnich: Charles, Scuthgaid Ehlogu Scimeca Wright Farretiy Townsend Staunton (Joachim 23) as the bright young things of Midlands football — and rightly so. Under Brian Litmeet K Cooper (Pontyprida le's astute managership the ghosts have been exorcised Photograph and more and where once there was discoer, page 14

quiet there is praise. Villa's problems yesterd however, were many. With Draper, Taylor and Johnson absent through injury the eam-sheet was awash with defenders. In theory, placing

passed when they were first undone. Barnes's looping flick into the heart of the penalty area may have been delivered more in hope than in expectation but it fell delightfully for Steve McManaman who drilled his shot just in-side a post.

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Pableton won by seven winkets.

will play Sri Lanka in the first quarter-final. Any suggestion that Pakistan might consider throwing their final two matches in order to secure a quarter-final in their own country was dismissed firmly by a stirring performance in front of a passionate, packed crowd. The noise was intense shortly before the end when

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54 halle Malik's floaty stop-gap me-dium pace to long off, having merry in a bowlers' graveyard. Twenty deliveries were left when the winning runs made 75 (the last part with a runner because of cramp), The key to the match, per-haps, was revealed by Paki-Hick was stumped in the following over, and two overs after that Atherton was tan's captain Wasim Akram afterwards. "Batting second on this pitch is easier because bowled attempting to cut. It had been splendid batting

or this pitch is easier because it gets flat," he said. Then, realising that by inference he had made the early-morning conditions sound like 22 yards of Pamela Anderson, he qualified this. "I mean it gets flatter than normal flat, so 270 or 280 would have been a more difficult score but 250 field and his good humour. I thad been splendid batting from the openers, with Smith, a stave to the square cut, un-veiling an alternative when cently for six, and Atherton and — not unconnected more difficult score but 250 field and his good humour. I thad been splendid batting were not to take the game at a canter. But Pakistan's left-handed openers immediately took the game by the scruff with an 81-run partnership before Sohail chipped Richard Illingworth — the pick of the England bowlers — to midwicket.

their overs. By this time England would have realised that the pitch

held no hidden menaces, that they were 30 runs at least short of a score — given their start — and that early wickets were essential if Pakistan were not to take the game at a

if it is deemed today that it would be irreparable by Sat-urday then England will be seeking their second replacement of the competition. It will be either Mark Rampraform. Liverpool's precision was a treat to watch and alkash or, as the substitute

apparently does not now have to come from the provisional most cynically they consquad of 18, Nasser Hussain. England are to play a full series of four Tests in Pakitemned Villa to their second defeat in 15 games before the eighth minute had elapsed. stan in 2000. according to Arif Abbasi, chief executive of the The fat lady had not even taken her seat.

Set by Crispa

Apart from their failure to Pakistan Cricket Board. anticipate the astonishing pace of Liverpool's early attacks, Villa did little wrong. Richardson may give up captaincy, page 15

between one's opponent and his target should work admi rably. But it does not. Villa were also unfortunate to find themselves in the path of a team at the peak of their

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24 The lovely signora can

a top-up (4)

Down

body (7)

stretch the pupil (10)

26 Having a go, though it's inksome (6)

in prison again (6)

2 A levy raised and deal arranged (5)

3 Box fitted under vehicle

by prior set forth (6)

found, but they're

to a beastly end (3-4)

exceptional (9)

25 None will go into reverse for

Fowler ... sublime strike

Leonard faces ban for **punching Wainwright**

Robert Armstrong

ASON LEONARD may miss England's Triple Crown decider against Ireland at Twickenham on ing an offence by an opponent. Had Leonard been sent off for Ireland at I wickentian on Saturday week, after being cited by the Scottish Rugby Union for throwing a punch in England's 18-9 victory at Murrayfield.

Video evidence showed the Harlequins and England prop swinging his right arm as he ran forward to engage in a ruck, apparently connecting with the head of the Scotland captain Rob Wainwright.

Leonard, who in a six-year international career has never been found guilty of foul play, may face disciplin-ary action from the Rugby Football Union this week. This looks certain to be a suspension if he is deemed

guilty, as the France centre Richard Dourthe was banned

for two internationals after television showed him to have Leonard ... cited by Scots Match report, page 12

Major is again in Hong Kong. But with only 484 days left before the five-starred red flag of the People's Republic of China ousts the Union Jack, most magnates have found more fruitful ways to spend both their time and their money.

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stamped on the England for punching he would probably ward Ben Clarke during the game in Paris in January. Eng-recommended 30 days. The citing law states: "When a player commits an act of foul play not detected by match officials, either of the unions have the discreland could hardly be seen to condone foul play by one of their players while condemn-

tion to cite that player to show cause why he should not be held accountable in the same way as a player who has been ordered off."

On Saturday Wainwright was dazed for a lengthy period after the incident, though the clip shown on BBC's Rugby Special last night was not entirely conclu-sive about where Leonard's punch landed. Scott Hastings, the Scotland centre who won his 61st cap, also threw a punch at a ruck which cost his side a penalty. But despite the intensity of the game, players on both sides were generally well disciplined.

1 Look through specially designed arches (6) 4 Personal support given with a certain hesitation (6) 9 Reautiful stone work by a traince (4) 10 Remembers the right Oriental prayers (10)

Across

11 Study some tracks on the other side (6) 12 Changing a lot in an inhabitant (8)

13 A real treat for vegans! (9) 15 In good condition for spring

- 16 Wound, giving little quarter (4) 17 Where flighty creatures may
- clean up! (9) 21 The French back new unittrust that's humanitarian (8)
- 22 Small enough for just a taste

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